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31 killed

MOSCOW, (AP): Thirty-one people were killed in ethnic rioting in the Azerbaijani city of Sumgait, the state-run news agency Tass reported yesterday. It was the highest death toll the government has reported in ethnic violence since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in March 1985. (See Page 3)

**Family suicide**

ATHENS, (AP): Three elderly sisters died and their brother was reported in critical condition yesterday after a family suicide in a seaside town near the capital, police said.

**Arab summit**

ALGIERS, (Reuter): Algeria and Tunisia have called for a special Arab summit to support the Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories.

**Vernon Walters**

ABU DHABI, (Reuter): Vernon Walters, US ambassador to the United Nations, said in a newspaper interview published here yesterday that Washington should listen to Palestinians to know their demands.

**High-level talks**

PARIS, (Reuter): France and the PLO yesterday held their first high-level talks since unrest broke out in Israeli-occupied territories. Foreign Ministry officials said.

**Banks closed**

PANAMA CITY, (Reuter): Panama's banking commission ordered all banks closed yesterday after moves by ousted President Eric Arturo Delvalle to freeze Panamanian assets in the United States. (See Page 3)

**Shootout**

BANGKOK, (UPI): A gun duel yesterday at a Thai boxing stadium in Bangkok packed with over 8,000 fans killed three people and wounded eight others, including one Frenchman, police officers said.

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## WEATHER

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# Extremist Sikhs massacre 34 people

KAHRI-SAHRI, India, March 4, (Reuter): Sikh gunmen massacred 34 people, mostly Hindus, in this Punjab village hours before Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi released Sikh high priests today in an attempt to thwart separatists in the north Indian state.

At least eight gunmen burst into the village in Hoshiarpur district just before midnight yesterday and sprayed bullets at 500 people watching a play for the religious festival of Holi.

Police said 25 Hindus and nine Sikhs were killed and 40 people wounded, six seriously. The gunmen stopped only when they had run out of ammunition, survivors said.

Three villagers escaped by diving into a well and clinging to pipes.

**Agreed**

One gunman climbed onto the roof of the temple where the play was staged and rained bullets on to the fleeing audience.

Sikh mechanic Jaginder Singh who was shot in the leg said: "I was only spared because I agreed to shout 'Long Live Khalistan' at gunpoint."

Taxi driver Charanjit Singh said no women or children were killed because they were sitting apart from the men. He said the gunmen stayed at the village about an hour hunting down victims.

### Welcome

"It is for the government to decide whether this is possible within the country or outside," head priest Jasbir Singh Rode told reporters.

Moderate Sikhs welcomed the release but former Punjab chief minister and hardliner Parkash Singh Badal said "peace cannot return unless the government removes other irritants." These include an end to the death of Sikhs in police custody, he said.

Political sources doubted whether the high priests would help Rajiv by denouncing the militants who appointed them.

On reaching the Golden Temple the priests said Sikhs wanted "complete freedom".

**Concession**

It was hell. Bullets rained and people ran, screaming and jostling each other and then stumbling down as they were hit in the back," said Mahabir Prasad, head of the monastery in Kahri Sari, 80 miles (130 km) northwest of the Punjab capital of Chandigarh.

The Press Trust of India reported responsibility for the attack was claimed by the Khalistan Commando Force.

**Officials**

Officials said the government had not changed its stand about refusing to negotiate on Khalistan. The detainees were released to "test the response" of extremists, one official said.

The militants have given no indication whether they are willing to drop their demand for Khalistan and start talks with Rajiv.

A faction of the militant All India-Sikh Students Federation said yesterday Sikh leaders who defied the line on Khalistan would be shot.

The talks between Israel and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian

**Accord**

It was the worst massacre this year in Sikh-majority Punjab where extremists want a separate Sikh state called Khalistan (land of the pure). At least 312 people have been killed there this year compared with 1,200 in 1987 and 640 in 1986.

Hindi groups called for a general strike in Punjab tomorrow to protest against the killings.

Police were put on alert in Punjab, neighbouring Hindu-majority states and Delhi where previous massacres have prompted Hindu-Sikh clashes.

**Ershad party wins in 'voterless' polls**

DHAKA, March 4, (Reuter): President Hossain Mohammad Ershad's Jatiya Party won a landslide victory in Bangladesh's violence-marred elections but the opposition which boycotted the polls vowed today to topple him.

The Election Commission said Jatiya won 176 of the 219 seats so far declared from yesterday's election for the 300-seat Parliament. Eighteen Jatiya members had already been returned unopposed giving the party 194 seats.

Ershad need not hurry to bring the main opposition coalition back into the political mainstream, the diplomat said. "He is in the ascendancy and in control."

The Awami League and BNP called a general strike to disrupt the poll and urged the country's 46 million electorate not to vote.

Officials said Jatiya members were leading in many constituencies.

Final turnout figures were not available but the Electoral Commission said 17 per cent voted in just over half the constituencies.

She said the 21-opposition alliance would intensify its campaign of strikes and protests launched last November to force Ershad to resign.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader Begum Khaleda Zia said the "farce election will belittle Bangladesh in the eyes of the world."

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Rina Castelnovo, a freelance photographer, lies wounded with blood on her head as she receives medical attention in occupied West Bank. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Talks held with Shamir, Assad**

## Shultz unveils US peace plan

DAMASCUS, March 4, (Reuter): US Secretary of State George Shultz left Syria for Cairo today after unveiling a formal Middle East peace plan to President Hafez Al Assad.

US officials travelling with Shultz said he had four hours of talks with Assad but there was no immediate word on the Syrian leader's reaction to the plan.

Aides to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who Shultz met in Occupied Jerusalem, indicated Shamir opposed key elements of the US document which calls for direct Arab-Israeli negotiations and limited Palestinian autonomy.

The newspaper of Syria's ruling Baath Party said Shultz was bent on preserving Western interests in the Middle East rather than seeking peace.

Moderate Sikhs also favour a five-year period for Palestinian self-rule instead of the three years proposed by Shultz.

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### Dropped

Shamir aides declined to comment directly on the proposals but said he had not dropped his opposition to the holding of an UN-sponsored international peace conference and was against opening talks on a final settlement next December.

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Shultz presented a programme in writing, including a detailed time-table, to Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at separate meetings before flying on to Syria and Egypt.

Authoritative Israeli sources said it called for an international meeting in Geneva in mid-April and direct Arab-Israeli negotiations in May for an interim agreement on Palestinian self-rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Shultz returned to Israel yesterday from London, where he emerged smiling and voicing optimism from talks with Jordan's King Hussein.

The absence of reporters appeared to have no effect on the death toll or the level of violence.

## Army bars press as two more die in West Bank

OCCUPIED

Jerusalem, March 4, (Reuter): Israeli troops shot dead two Palestinians and wounded several others today after the Army barred journalists from entering the occupied West Bank from Jerusalem.

Police earlier defused a car bomb a few hundred metres (yards) from US Secretary of State George Shultz's Jerusalem hotel as he met Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to present a formal Middle East peace plan in writing.

"It was a powerful device ... which would have caused great damage had it exploded," Jerusalem police chief Yosef Yehudai told reporters.

**Fire**

Military sources said an Army patrol shot dead an Arab and wounded another in Arrabah, near Jenin, when they were attacked by hundreds of residents, throwing stones, bottles and sticks.

Palestinian sources said Mohammed Ahmed Salah, 18, was killed and 15 people were wounded when soldiers opened fire on protesters in the village of Al Khader, south of Bethlehem.

In the Gaza Strip, the Army said an explosive charge was detonated in the Deir Al Balah refugee camp as an Israeli force passed by, slightly wounding four soldiers.

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More than 200 Israeli soldiers and settlers have been injured, mostly by stones.

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## INTERNATIONAL

Briton kidnapped in South Lebanon

# W. German hostage released

BEIRUT, March 4, (Agencies): Syrian officials handed over freed West German hostage Ralph Schray to Bonn diplomats in Damascus where he met with his wife for the first time after his 36-day ordeal.

Meanwhile a Briton was kidnapped in South Lebanon yesterday.

Schray's release came only 24 hours after his captors said they would swap him for two jailed Shiite brothers accused of terrorist activities.

But a West German Justice Ministry official in Bonn said yesterday the West German government had not made a deal to secure Schray's freedom.

German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher thanked Syria for helping to gain Schray's freedom and asked Damascus to work for the release of Rudolf Cordes, West German chemical executive abduc-

ted in January 1987, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman said Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara telephoned Genscher at the Nato summit meeting in Brussels, Belgium, and told him of Schray's release.

Schray's Lebanese-born wife Rana Munla, 27, went to the Syrian capital to meet him, shortly after Syrian officers in West Beirut assured her that he had been freed and was safe in Damascus.

"I am going to Damascus to bring him home," Munla told reporters in West Beirut as she emerged from a brief meeting with Col. Ali Hammoud, Syrian military chief of an observer force, at a military headquarters in Ramlet Al Baida.

Diplomatic sources in Beirut reported yesterday that Syrian officers escorted Schray out of West Beirut to Damascus where

they turned him over to West German diplomats.

Lebanese Interior Minister Abdullah Al Rasi said Schray, 31, a half-Lebanese West German citizen, had been handed over by his captors early yesterday to "one of the Syrian observers in Beirut."

A Syrian security source said gunmen of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah group dropped Schray from a three-car convoy, handed him over to senior Syrian observer Col. Amir Talleh at a checkpoint in Ramlet Al Baida.

Schray, who appeared weak and shaken by his 36-day ordeal, was then taken to a Syrian base in the eastern town of Anjar, where he was questioned about his captors, the sources said.

Schray, an engineer, was kidnapped Jan. 27, in West Beirut by gunmen believed to be loyal to Abdel Hadi Hamadi, a Hezbollah security chief and the elder

brother of Mohammad Ali Hamadi and Ali Abbas Hamadi, both jailed in Germany on terrorist charges.

Schray remained out of sight in Damascus today.

Since his release, Schray has made no public appearance. It was not known whether he would return to West Beirut or leave for Beirut.

West German officials in Damascus confirmed that Schray was in the Syrian capital, but refused to give details of his exact whereabouts or future plans.

A British official of the Oxfam relief organisation was kidnapped with a Syrian colleague in the southern port city of Sidon, Oxfam headquarters reported today.

Oxfam spokesman John Magrath said in Oxford, west of London, that the organisation's Middle East coordinator, Peter

Coleridge, 44, and its Lebanon representative, Omar Traboulsi, were seized by unidentified kidnappers last night in Sidon, 25 miles (40 kilometres) south of Beirut.

Four identified gunmen yesterday kidnapped an Iranian and a Lebanese on the Airport Road in West Beirut, police and witnesses said.

They said the gunmen, intercepted a taxi carrying Iranian Adel Irani, 50, and the unidentified Lebanese shortly after they arrived from Kuwait on Wednesday.

Resolved

"We have been able to resolve

one of the most difficult problems encountered to date," Cordovez said today, meaning a pull-out timeframe because the three other main issues were completed two years ago.

Those involve Afghan-Pakistan mutual non-interference, US and Soviet guarantees, and the safe return of the five million Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran.

"This has created an impression of confidence and dispelled any doubts that people may still have," Cordovez told a news conference. "There is no doubt about the political significance of the agreements this week."

Cordovez said the negotiations should be signed without such conditions.



Schray: free

# Kabul agrees to cut time-scale of Soviet withdrawal

GENEVA, March 4, (Agencies): Afghanistan and Pakistan have now cleared all major obstacles to ending the Afghan war and only modalities remain before a final settlement can be signed, UN mediator Diego Cordovez said today.

Cordovez said the last "essential and fundamental" problem — a timeframe for Soviet troop withdrawal — was effectively resolved at the start of the latest round of talks Wednesday and yesterday.

Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil told reporters yesterday that the 115,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan could be withdrawn over nine months — one month less than the 10 months offered in February by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Noworad told reporters shortly before departing for Islamabad:

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Meeting

All Pakistani political parties will meet in Islamabad tomorrow to decide on whether an agreement could be signed at all with the current Kabul regime or only with a transitional coalition government.

Cordovez rejected any such delay in signing and the United States also was known to be applying pressure on Pakistan to stop holding up the departure of Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

That left the Pakistani government isolated as the Soviet Union, Iran, the Afghan (Najibullah) government and Pakistani opposition parties also say the settlement should be signed without such conditions.

tions are "moving towards conclusion" although some points must still be "clarified."

"The differences that remain concern the sequence, the timing, the modalities, the procedure," he said. "But there are no fundamental differences of principle."

Cordovez said the indirect talks were adjourned for the weekend while Pakistan Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani confers in Islamabad.

Pakistan is overwhelmingly concerned about a point not formally included in the UN plan, the formation of a new Afghan government.

"Nothing has changed," Noorani told reporters shortly before departing for Islamabad.

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Fresh talks

BRUSSELS, March 4, (Reuters): The prime ministers of Greece and Turkey, two NATO members which nearly went to war last year, met in Brussels today for further talks to improve relations, Greek diplomatic sources said.

Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou and Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal held their talks at a Belgian Foreign Ministry building near the city centre following a two-hour meeting yesterday at the end of a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation summit.

Tornado fighter

LONDON, March 4, (UPI): Britain said yesterday it plans to sell eight Tornado fighter jets to Jordan in a deal worth £250 million (\$450 million) agreed by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and King Hussein.

Although the deal is still to be signed, a spokesman for Thatcher said she had discussed the details on Tuesday with Hussein who is visiting London for dental treatment and that she had agreed to the sale.

Planes returned

CAIRO, March 4, (Reuters): Four Libyan air force pilots who landed their planes in Egypt flew them home yesterday, the national Middle East News Agency (Menaf) said.

Military officials said they believed the attackers were Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam guerrillas, fighting for more than four years for a homeland to be set up in the northern and eastern provinces at Morawewa village on Wednesday.

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Traffic riots

KARACHI, March 4, (Reuters): Police shot dead two rioters in Pakistan's biggest city, Karachi, yesterday taking the toll from three days of protests about a traffic accident to five, doctors said.

Seven people were injured.

The riots erupted on Monday night after an oil tanker hit a house and killed four people.

Guns, drugs seized

MANILA, March 4, (Reuters): Coast guards seized a fishing boat loaded with guns, bullets and marijuana worth one million pesos (\$50,000), a spokesman said today.

He said six Filipino crew and a Japanese, Sakiyama Bayatame, were arrested after the boat was intercepted off the coast of the northern province of La Union on Wednesday.

Accident

CAIRO, March 4, (Reuters): Seventeen people, all from one family, were killed when a truck smashed into their overcrowded minibus in south Egypt, a Cairo newspaper said today.

The accident near Assiut, 380 km (235 miles) south of Cairo, occurred while the victims were heading home from a wedding party, the daily Al-Ahram said.

## India tests new radar

NEW DELHI, March 4, (Reuters): India claimed a technological breakthrough yesterday after successfully testing radar to detect low-flying aircraft.

"The tests are a major technological breakthrough," a defence ministry official said.

He said the Indian-built, low-level surveillance systems called Indra-1 for the Army and Indra-2 for the Air Force would be introduced soon. He gave no details about their performance.

Last month India tested its first surface-to-surface missile with a range of 250 km.

The officials said scientists were also working on developing a radar system for the Navy.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has laid great stress on defence preparedness, buying ships, submarines, aircraft and guns in the past two years from abroad.

## Closure of PLO office in UN

### General Assembly may reconvene

UNITED NATIONS, March 4, (Reuters): The General Assembly is ready to reconvene at short notice if the United States defies a call by the world body not to close down the Palestine Liberation Organisation's UN mission.

By a vote of 143 to one, with only Israel opposed, the assembly said on Wednesday that implementation of a US "Anti-Terrorist Act" ordering closure of the office by March 21 would violate a 1947 agreement establishing the UN headquarters in New York.

In a second resolution, adopted by 143 votes to none, the assembly asked the World Court at the Hague to rule whether the United States was bound to enter into compulsory arbitration on the issue, as laid down in the 1947 agreement and there would be nothing to protect the headquarters.

Assembly president Peter Florin, an East German deputy foreign minister, said the assembly would keep the matter under active review and reconvene if necessary.

The PLO has had a UN observer mission since 1974, when it was invited to take part in the work of the assembly and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat addressed the world body.

Its chief representative, Zehdi Terzi, operating from a townhouse on the fashionable east side of Manhattan island, plays an active role at the United Nations although, like other observers, he has no voting rights.

Outputting a worst-case scenario, Terzi told reporters that if his office were closed, the entire United Nations would have to move "because the United States would renege on the (1947) agreement and there would be nothing to protect the headquarters."

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The Army is mainly manned by the island's majority Sinhalese community.

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## INTERNATIONAL

A third force in UK politics

### Liberals and Social Democrats merge

LONDON, March 4. (Reuters): Liberals and Social Democrats launched their merged party as a third force in British politics yesterday, facing local government elections as a first test of their challenge to their dominant Conservative and Labour rivals.

The Liberal and Social Democratic leaders David Steel and Robert MacLennan formally presented the new Social and Liberal Democrats (SLD) at a London news conference after each party had approved the merger in a membership ballot.

"We are a big party, a party of experience and a party with a strong sense of direction and commitment," Steel said. "We intend to give hope to a whole new generation in the value of participating in the democratic process."

Steel, the bookmakers' favourite to become the SLD's first leader, started the painful unification process after a Liberal/Social Democrat alliance fared poorly in last June's general election.

**Wrangling**

"We have come through pain and agony positively, triumphantly," he said.

Political commentators said that, after eight months of wrangling which split the Social Democrats, poor opinion poll showings and disappointing turnout in the membership ballots, the SLD faced an uphill battle to win voters' support.

"What, please, is a Social Liberal Democrat which is a Liberal or a Social Democrat wasn't?" the Guardian newspaper asked in an editorial.

Liberals supported fusion by more than 7-1, the Social Democrats by 2-1, but turnout in both ballots was just above 50 per cent.

"Political parties which cannot excite their own membership to vote have little enough chance of encouraging anyone else to vote for them," another newspaper, the Independent, said.

With the Conservatives riding high in their third consecutive term of office and the opposition led by Party-giving support, the middle ground is shrinking and the SLD faces a fight even among centrist voters.

David Owen, former leader of the Social Democrats who claims some 30,000 members for his anti-merger campaign, says he plans to rebuild the party he founded in 1981.

"I don't think the electorate is going to see very much difference there were four political parties before this fiasco started," Owen said on television. "There is now a continuing SDP and there is the Liberal Party with some Social Democrats."

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### Panamanian assets in US frozen

## Opposition strike called off

PANAMA CITY, March 4. (Reuters): Opposition leaders, amid fears of a serious cash shortage, are lifting a general strike against military leader General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

José Raul Molino, leading the civic crusade coalition, said yesterday the strike was suspended because of the financial crisis caused by ousted President Eric Arturo Delvalle's moves to freeze Panamanian assets in the United States.

"We never expected this," said Molino, whose opposition group called the general strike last week in an attempt to force Noriega, Panama's de facto leader, to resign.

But the strategy backfired against the coalition of about 200 labour and business groups, who are now facing financial crisis while Noriega appears little affected by the strike.

The US State Department said

last night it had certified that the Panamanian ambassador in Washington, who is loyal to Delvalle, had authority over the assets.

The Ambassador, Juan Sosa, acting for Delvalle, filed suit against four US banks to prevent money in Panamanian government accounts from being sent to Noriega's government.

One bank settled the suit out of court on Wednesday by putting \$10 million out of Panamanian funds in the federal reserve, and yesterday a federal judge barred the other three banks from sending any money to Panama.

The United States is also considering sanctions such as a halt in payments on the strategic Panama canal operation and an economic embargo, in spite of warnings by political analysts that such moves are unlikely to force Noriega out.

Air Panama was cancelling flights to the United States, fearing its planes could be seized under widening economic sanctions against Noriega, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

Bankers here said a cash shortage was taking place and most banks were limiting withdrawals on individual accounts.

Lloyds bank of London limited withdrawals to \$500 in cash. Funds over that amount were paid in travellers' cheques.

One foreign banker said many businesses will not be able to pay weekly salaries today, and some banks would not open.

The strike faltered yesterday with many shops reopening, and predicted street protests failed to materialise.

Opposition leaders said on Wednesday that they backed Delvalle's action as a means to put pressure on Noriega. But after long lines at banks

yesterday and nervousness among the business community and bankers the mood has changed.

"There has been a crisis today. There's no cash. It has forced us to take a hard look at our strategy," Molino said.

Delvalle requested the freeze from a hiding place in Panama, where he has been since being voted out of office just hours after trying to fire Noriega, who has been indicted in the United States on drug trafficking charges.

The legislative assembly named as acting President the former Education Minister Manuel Solis Palma, but Washington still recognises Delvalle.

Solis Palma on Wednesday named Aquilino Boyd as his new Ambassador to Washington, but the State Department certified Sosa as the legal ambassador.

Two Japanese girls fall to put their feet in what is claimed to be the world's largest high-heeled shoe but they can use the 160-cm long shoe, weighing 8kg as a slide, up 60cm above the ground. The shoe will be registered in the Guinness Book of World Records. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Signs of change in Soviet policy welcomed

## Nato summit backs Reagan

BRUSSELS, March 4. (Reuters): Nato leaders proclaimed their support for President Reagan's arms control strategy at the end of their summit yesterday but papered over differences about how and when to modernise the alliance's nuclear weapons.

In a final declaration after two days of talks, the 16 heads of government welcomed signs of change in the Soviet Union and called on Moscow to match its words with lasting policy changes to reduce its military threat to the West.

The statement reaffirmed the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's strategy of nuclear deterrence and gave Reagan a warm send-off for his forthcoming Moscow summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Journalists would not work in protest at official interference in objective reporting, continuous muzzling of the press and repressive actions against journalists," Reazuddin Ahmed, Secretary-General of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, said.

Home Minister Mohammad Abdul Mati told reporters after the polls closed that vote rigging, violence and lack of election officials had forced the suspension of polling at 170 centres.

Police sources said at least 13 people died on polling day when bands of rival political workers fought with guns, bombs and knives in several cities. The official death toll was five.

COP leader A. S. M. Abdur Rob, who aspires to become official opposition leader in the new parliament, agreed there had been fraud and said some of his candidates had suffered at the hands of Jatiya activists.

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In the USA Today-CNN poll, Dukakis leads with 22 per cent, Jackson has 14 per cent, Gephardt 13 per cent and Gore five per cent.

Only Republican delegates will be chosen in South Carolina tomorrow, South Carolina Democrats chose their delegates in caucuses four days after the super Tuesday races.

On super Tuesday, Democrats in 20 states will choose about a third of the delegates to their July national convention.

weapons based mainly in his country, said he was satisfied with the outcome.

"It was important to us that no isolated decisions were taken on individual weapons categories," Kohl told reporters.

Nato Secretary General Lord Carrington insisted the leaders had not "fudged" the issue, but one alliance official said:

"It is all things to all men. It is soft for those who want it soft and hard for those who want it hard." British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who had argued most passionately for the Nato modernisation programme, also pronounced herself satisfied with the agreement.

"We've achieved all the objectives we set ourselves," she told a news conference.

Reagan, too, stressed a need for Nato to maintain a credible deterrent to continue what he called its success of the past 40 years — preventing war in Europe.

### Armenians bury dead relatives

## Soviets struggle to avoid ethnic riots

MOSCOW, March 4. (Reuters): Soviet authorities in troubled Transcaucasia struggled today to prevent a spread of feuding between Armenians and Azerbaijanis following ethnic riots in which seven members of one family were said to have died.

Reports reached Moscow of meetings to promote friendship and efforts to help refugees from the unrest, which broke out after Armenians called for the return of a region now ruled from the neighbouring republic of Azerbaijan.

An Armenian in the Azerbaijan city of Sumgait, himself half-Armenian, has quoted Armenian sources as saying 17 died and 70 were injured in the Sumgait riots although the Soviet Foreign Ministry has said only that an unspecified number of people were killed.

The man said he wanted to get right away — not just to neighbouring Armenia, where hundreds of thousands of people demonstrated last week in the capital, Yerevan, for the return of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

"But we are afraid we will be deceived and that we will not be taken out of the city," he said. "We built this city, we taught them..." were his last words before he was cut off without giving his name.

He seemed to be referring to the crash building of the city in the 1940s by "International Youth Brigades" from all over the Soviet Union which transformed Sumgait from a dusty seaside village of Azerbaijan's second city.

### Man declared dead awakes to a new life

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to a nearby hospital after suffering chest pains.

Five days later, his right heart artery had a spasm which blocked the blood flow, so hospital personnel tried to revive him with an external pacemaker and electric shock, said Dr Victor McLaughlin, a cardiologist.

Hospital staff worked for about 45 minutes to revive him but his heart stopped and he had no pulse, blood pressure or neurological responses, said McLaughlin. Weak, sporadic heartbeats were detected thereafter but were considered "a dying heart pattern," the physician said.

"It is very unlikely that if you can bring someone back (from that status) you'll have any functioning brain at all," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin said he told Barnett's family he had died, and Barnett was disconnected from his intravenous feeding tubes and heart monitor.

**Pressure**

While the man's daughters signed papers authorising the body to be taken to the morgue and made funeral arrangements, a nurse heard him start to breathe.

He was wheeled to the coronary care unit, where personnel again found no pulse or blood pressure. Barnett was hooked up to a pacemaker and respiration, but family members told doctors that he had a "living will" requesting that he not be kept alive artificially.

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## Number of doctors to be increased to avoid waiting

KUWAIT'S Public Health Minister Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak said the number of physicians in health centres would be increased and that the hours would be extended on Fridays and holidays to avoid long periods of waiting to see a physician.

The health minister said that the current administrative structure at the health centres would remain unchanged and that physicians would not be appointed to run the centres, adding that he did not agree with transferring physicians to administrative staff.

### Training

The ministry should benefit from physicians who teach at the Faculty of Medicine at Kuwait University, he said. He added that the administrative and technical staff needed to be reclassified, explaining that the administrative staff was supposed to facilitate the work of the technical staff.

Continuous training is essential, he said, to the efficiency of doctors and administration. He added that the training courses

were intended to improve the standards of health services throughout the ministry.

Regarding the issue of charging for health services, Dr Abdul Razzak said more study is required before reaching a decision on this issue.

Dr Abdul Razzak said that spending would be reduced on unnecessary services at the ministry and restrictions placed on some work procedures. He added, however, that essential projects, such as the planned psychiatric hospital, would be carried out.

### Identification

Meanwhile, Abdul Qader Al Gharably, the Director of the Information Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Health, said one of the main activities of the department was linking the civil identification card system with health registration information. He said that a health file would be opened for each resident, with Civil ID card data entered in the files. The system will improve the processing of applications, he said, adding that a system of registration for bir-

ths, deaths, and manpower at the ministry would be included in the system.

Mohammad Ali Yonis, the head of the systems and programming section, said two of the department's main problems were the shortage of manpower and the cuts in spending. He added that although the department prefers to have Kuwaiti personnel, foreign expertise was necessary. He added that the department has only 28 Kuwaitis employed.

### Manpower

Isam Bader Al Mulla, the head of the administrative affairs section, said the department requires more specialists to cover manpower shortages and more computer graduates to help in developing the ministry's services.

Plans are underway to link health areas by computer network, Gharably said, with operations to begin this month. He added that world health care data was stored by computers to assist different ministry departments.

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## Kisr officials visit fish culture project

MOHAMMAD Al Asfoor, the Acting Director General of Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (Kisr), visited the marine fish culture project in Doha recently. Asfoor said the Zubaidi fish culture project, which is projected to enter its marketing phase in October, is one of the most important projects supervised by Kisr.

The Deputy Director General

for Research, Biology and Environmental Science Nizar Mulla Hussein said the total output of the project was expected to be 40 tonnes with fish farms containing more than 55,000 fish. He added that experts continually follow the progress of the project for scientific and technical information. The project is managed in cooperation with the Zubaidi Fish Company, he said, and

Asfoor was accompanied on the visit by the Directors General of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Abdul Rahman Al Muhaishan, the Secretary General of the Higher Planning Council Fuad Mulla Hussein and a number of members of Kisr's board of trustees.

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Kisr officials observe fish being sorted during their visit.

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**Anti-smoking seminar**

THE Kuwait Anti-Smoking Society held a seminar on the importance of public awareness in the fight against smoking. Dr Hussain Al Moemen from the Ministry of Public Health criticised the role of advertising companies which encourage people to smoke. He added that such companies only care about making money.

**Lawyer acquitted**

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court acquitted a lawyer accused of resisting arrest and insulting three policemen while they were performing their official duties.

The court's decision followed the testimony of witnesses for the defence and the plea of not guilty by the defendant.

Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.

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● The Kuwait Embassy in Paris, France celebrated Kuwait's 27th National Day with a reception at the embassy.

## Women's committee to hold cultural week

THE women's committee at the Islamic Heritage Revival Society will hold its first cultural week from March 5 to 9 at its headquarters in Shuaikha.

In an interview with Kuna, the president of the committee Dana Al Flaij said the agenda for the week-long meeting under the slogan "for the sake of forming a Muslim woman in accordance to the Holy Book and Sunna," includes three lectures on Muslim women and their role in the society. The lectures will be held separately by three Islamic scientists.

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world, such as building mosques, hospitals and schools in coordination with other societies, institutions and peoples' donations.

The society provides Muslims in needy countries with medical equipments and raises their morals by clarifying Islamic concepts to them and explaining disputed matters in addition to calling on non-Muslims to embrace Islam.

The committee organises visits to different Islamic states to study the situation of Muslims and share with them their problems in addition to strengthening relations with them.

The relations between the society and other charity societies are based on cooperation and coordination.

Al Flaij called on the people to support the society to spread its Islamic message at the international level.

She also called on the youth to use their leisure time profitably by looking into the science of Islam and following its principles which are considered as the bases of human nature.

## Over 31,000 bags of blood donated last year

DR Abdul Aziz Al Basheer, the Director of the Blood Transfusion Services Department and Director General of the Kuwait Blood Bank, said a total of 31,068 bags of blood were donated in 1987, of which 29,604 went to public hospitals and 805 to private hospitals.

"At a symposium held on Monday by the Kuwait Medical Society entitled "Negative and Positive Aspects of Blood Donation" Dr Al Basheer said that when the blood bank was established in 1965, it depended heavily on blood donated locally rather than imported supplies.

Dr Mustafa Arjawi, a professor of Islamic jurisprudence at the College of Sharia and Islamic Studies at Kuwait University, said that Islam encouraged all human acts aimed at saving the lives of others, and that the donation of blood was but one example. He stressed that Islam imposed no restrictions on blood transfusions between members of different religions.

Dr Ahmad Hafez, a haematologist at Sabah Hospital said blood donations did not pose any danger to the donor. He added that donating blood relieved the body of old blood cells, iron surpluses and provided the body the chance to generate new blood cells.

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### Death sentence reduced to life

KUWAIT'S Court of Cassation, with Judge Mohammed Al Rifai presiding, overruled the death sentence issued by the criminal court against a Filipino sailor accused of stabbing his colleague to death while aboard their ship. The Court of Cassation sentenced the man Sifer to life imprisonment instead of death after consideration of the murder which was committed at Shuaikha Port.

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A SURGE of cash donations from Palestinians in the Gulf Arab states is helping to maintain the three-month-old uprising against Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza, Palestinians say.

Donations to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), glittering fund-raising dinners and family and village charities have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in humanitarian aid for compatriots in the occupied territories.

### Initiative

Kuwait's Palestinian elite paid 25 dinars (\$90) a plate last month for dinner at a five-star hotel which grossed more than 700,000 dollars.

A Palestinian car dealer put a 1930 Ford on the auction block. Readers of a Kuwaiti newspaper sent it nearly \$100,000 for a special fund. Firms sponsored austerity lunches and asked their employees to give up a day's salary.

The casualties have strained health and welfare services and left hundreds of families without a breadwinner.

"People are taking the

initiative to support injured families," said Anis Qassim, a prominent Palestinian lawyer in Kuwait, where the 300,000-strong Palestinian community is the largest outside Lebanon and Jordan. "There are more contributions than ever before."

In quiet times, Gulf Palestinians remit hard currency to families under Israeli occupation to help them cope with unemployment and low wages.

But since stone-throwing youth began their protests against Israeli rule last December, Palestinian communities from Kuwait to Jeddah have rushed to help families of the dead and wounded.

**Affected**

Israel says 79 Palestinians have so far been killed and hundreds wounded by its troops, but the PLO puts the toll much higher.

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## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri cable

HH the Amir on Thursday sent a cable of congratulations to King Hassan II of Morocco on the anniversary of his ascension to the throne.

### Crown Prince cables

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Sheikh Saud has also sent a similar cable to the Moroccan

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Superpowers fuelling regional flashpoints

A KUWAITI newspaper expressed belief yesterday that the superpowers can adopt a more positive attitude towards the Iraq-Iran war, "that patronises peace instead of their implicit consent to the conflict's continuation and full flare-up."

Al Rai Al Aam charged the two big powers of fuelling regional flashpoints including the seven and a half year old Iran-Iraq war to secure the largest possible arms sales to the region.

"The US and Soviet Union, each using its ways, have been banking on time and dispatching envoys to Arab and Islamic capitals to air statements and assurances that encourage Israel's insolence and appease Iran's non-acceptance of all international peace calls," the paper went.

Al Rai Al Aam renewed its calls that Washington and Moscow should "objectively collaborate to curb the relentless Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people and the recurrent Iranian aggressions on Iraqi sovereignty."

Concluding, the paper said that despite the ferocity of Israeli aggressions on Palestinian women and children and the Zionist entity's bone-breaking policies, the US found no embarrassment with acquiescing in the oppressive Israeli measures."

### Algerian call for Arab summit lauded

A KUWAITI magazine has lauded the recent proposals of Algerian President Chadli Benjedid for the holding of an extraordinary Arab summit to step up support for the popular Palestinian uprising against the savage Israeli occupation.

The weekly Al Nohda commented editorially in its new edition appearing today that the Algerian President "stood alone before all Arabs and loudly asked: doesn't this upheaval deserve an Arab summit?"

The magazine pointed out that though the Palestinian revolt enters its fourth month next week, official Arab reaction is still confused and ranged between silence or a wait and see attitude.

The weekly stressed that the entire world has been shocked by the Israeli brutalities against Palestinian civilians to a point where Denmark ceased its traditional support for the Zionist entity and declared a boycott of Israeli products to protest the Army's atrocities.

It emphasised that all European capitals have announced full support for the Palestinian upheaval against the Israeli occupation, whilst Arab governments are still hesitating of beefing up support for the Palestinian revolution.

Washington's strategic alliance with Tel Aviv discredited it from the role of a middleman between Arab countries and Israel.

Last Wednesday, Kuwaiti acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said Kuwait would respond to the Algerian call if it received an official invitation.

## GULF PRESS

### Shultz mission aimed at buying time

UNITED Arab Emirates dailies, predicting that US Secretary of State George Shultz had no new proposals, agreed his mission was aimed at buying time for the US and Israel and aborting the three month old Palestinian uprising.

The English language daily *Khalej Times* in an editorial said "the proposals Shultz brought during his shuttle this week were hopelessly inadequate and outdated and only reinforced the impression that the US was merely trying to buy time and break the momentum of the uprising."

It said "no wonder Shultz got nowhere with the proposals in the Arab capitals he visited."

"If he is coming back merely to push them again by twisting more arms, the end result will be the same", the Dubai based daily said in its editorial.

"The US Secretary of State should be able to see that there is no bypassing the PLO any longer and if he wants to provide earnest American intentions not to be forever led by the nose by the Israelis then talking to the PLO will be one convincing way of doing it," the paper said.

The Sharjah based newspaper *Al Khalej Times* in its editorial what fresh ideas Shultz would bring this time saying "this crafty diplomat will try to sell old ideas in new terms."

"Will somebody listen to him this time? Is there any Palestinian faction which will accept less than an end to occupation and right to self determination?" the newspaper asked.

The newspaper added "it is wrong to believe that appeasement is enough to stop the uprising and that those who were brought up in the 1936 revolution and the sad consequences of 1973 war will accept any more slogans such as 'eating up promises'."

say, But this can be circumvented through smuggling and bank transfers.

"Nothing can stop us from sending money into the occupied territories," said Avni Barash, head of Kuwait's PLO mission.

### Response

The PLO executive committee has called on every Palestinian family abroad to adopt one inside the territories. Barash said the response in Kuwait has been good.

Palestinians in Kuwait are among the most active supporters of the uprising, he told Reuters, citing their relative wealth and sophistication, close family ties and encouragement from the government.

As in other Gulf states, a committee has been set up to oversee contributions comprising local representatives of the various Palestinian commando factions, the Palestine National Council and social and professional associations.

## Gulf Palestinians rally to help uprising

"Just about every Palestinian has been directly affected by what is happening in their country," said Shafeeq Ghabra, a Kuwaiti University professor of Palestinian origin. "Everyone knows a martyr, maybe a cousin or nephew. Relatives are dying."

The PLO has set up a special bank account in Tunis for direct donations. But the biggest source of funds is probably professional, family and village charities that existed before the uprising and have now acquired new vigour.

### Clamped

"Palestinians from a given village tend to stick together even after they've lived in exile for 30 or more years," said Ghabra. "Many villages have their own funds to support people and projects in the occupied territories."

Israel has clamped a \$1,000 per person ceiling on the amount of hard currency Palestinians can bring back to the occupied territories. Palestinian officials

## Arabs urged to curb AIDS through teachings of religion

CAIRO, March 4, (Agencies): Arab doctors urged their counterparts yesterday to help curb the spread of AIDS in the Middle East by adhering to the teachings of religion.

"The human race has no choice but to prevent the spread of AIDS," Egyptian Health Minister Raghib Dwidar told Egypt's first international conference on the disease. "Sexual relationships as stipulated by divine religions are the most effective means of protection from it."

Speakers also urged governments to educate their people on the acquired immune deficiency syndrome which kills by crippling the body's defences against disease.

"There is no doubt AIDS is (only) slightly spread in Islamic countries because of religion, but it is time to strike the bells of

danger and teach those who do not know about AIDS," Mamoud Gabr, Chairman of Cairo's Doctors Union told delegates.

"By education and religion, we can fight this epidemic," said Gabr.

The three-day conference, organised by a private Egyptian medical society and attended by specialists from Arab and Western countries, will discuss such issues as prevention and control of AIDS through law, religion and public information.

### Reported cases

About 110 AIDS cases from the Middle East and North Africa have been reported to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

In Geneva, the number of AIDS cases in Arab countries reported to the World Health Organisation has risen to 87, although the total for the region

was believed to be substantially higher than this, according to the WHO today.

WHO officials said Egypt had notified them of five cases of AIDS, Jordan three, Lebanon three, Qatar nine, Sudan 12, Tunisia 11 and Algeria eight.

In addition, 36 more cases had been reported from other Arab states who did not wish to be identified, they said.

Apart from Qatar, none of the Gulf Cooperation states provided individual country data to the WHO, preferring instead for their figures to be included in the regional total.

Around the world there were now 81,433 cases, with 53,069 of these being in the US alone.

Elsewhere in the Americas there were another 7,340 AIDS victims; in Africa there were 9,788; in Europe 10,017; in Asia 233 and in Oceania 826.



Egyptian Health Minister Raghib Dwidar (right) listens to a speaker at the opening session of the first International Arab Conference on AIDS prevention and control in Cairo. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Plan to mark International Decade for Cultural Development

THE International Fund for Culture is scheduled to open a meeting from March 6 to 8, under the auspices of Kuwait's Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and head of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, while activities for the International Decade for Cultural Development will begin shortly.

He added that the judicial system itself was not responsible for injustice but rather circumstances surrounding judicial bodies.

**Symposium on food security**

the Environmental Protection Society, Dr Wajeeb Sawaya, from Kisr, said safe food was an essential requirement to man's progress and prosperity. He added that the complex growth of modern civilisation increased the number of factors that had an adverse effect on food safety.

Sawaya said that man was to blame for the chemical preservatives used in food and the hormones used to increase crop productivity; all of which were a threat to the safety of food.

1970 when the first international government conference was held in Venice, Italy. Discussions on the matter continued until members at the World Conference for Cultural Policies, held in 1982 in Mexico City, officially submitted it for approval. The UN National Assembly approved the suggestion and announced it on December 8, 1986.

The activities of the International Decade for Cultural Development, marking the years from 1988 to 1997, aims at following the cultural dimension in the process of development, and encouraging talents as well as cultural life in many parts of the world.

The idea of holding an international decade for cultural development was first born in

(Unesco) has already contributed to the budget of the first two years of the decade.

Participants of the decade as well as international organisations are expected to hold numerous activities and programmes as the decade unfolds.

Undoubtedly, ten years are not enough to completely fulfil the aims of the project. However, it is important to have it as a starting point of more work and effort toward achieving the goals.

Success of the cultural decade definitely depends on the determination of the organising member states. Projects of the decade might be very much in the interest of governmental and international organisations, in addition to the bodies of the United Nations which could support implementation of some projects.

The International Decade for Cultural Development is regarded as a turning point in the history of the world.

## Sheikh Salem in talks with Mellor

LONDON, March 4, (Kuna): Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah conferred on Thursday with British Foreign Office Minister David Mellor, concentrating on bilateral relations, the Iran-Iraq war and the Palestinian uprising.

The Foreign Office said that Mellor continued the discussions he began with Sheikh Salem during the British Minister's visit to Kuwait last December.

A spokesman for the department pointed out that the meeting was essentially by way of courtesy.

Yesterday Sheikh Salem, who is here on a private visit, held similar talks with his British counterpart Douglas Hurd.

## Sheikh Zayed prepared to visit Iran

CAIRO, March 4, (Xinhua): President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Zayed Sultan Al Nahyan has said that he is prepared to lead an Arab delegation to Iran in a continued effort to seek an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

In an interview with Egyptian daily Al Akhbar published here yesterday the UAE President said that such a delegation comprising leaders of some Arab countries must have powers to speak on behalf of Arabs.

He said that the UAE, which has diplomatic relations with Iran would serve as a bridge between Iran and Arab countries for seeking an end to the Gulf war through dialogue, ensuring the rights of both Iraq and Iran.

## Special licences for buildings banned

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohamed Al Rifai announced that special licences for buildings would not be given and ordered the Municipality Building Department to follow the specifications and conditions regarding such licences as stated in resolution No. 30, 1985.

Licences for temporary buildings are also prohibited, he said, except under specified conditions. He explained that the new procedure would be effective from today.

## National Day reception

CAIRO, March 4, (Kuna): The Kuwait Embassy here held a reception last night for the Kuwaiti community in Egypt, commemorating the 27th anniversary of Kuwait's National Day.

"The water is at the foot of the fort and has already begun to eat away at the walls of the Dilmun ruins," she said. "It is really disastrous and I fear for the future."

## Nine ferries for Failaka service

BADER Al Najar, the assistant acting member of Kuwait's Public Transportation Company, said nine ferries were available for passenger service to and from Failaka. He added that three additional ferries had recently been purchased by the company, one of which was for heavy equipment and vehicles.

Al Najar, in an interview with a local newspaper, said the company plans to build a restaurant and cafeteria at Failaka and Ras Al Ard Ports. He added that a play area for children and entertainment areas would also be available.

Ticket prices have been increased for ferry services, he said, because of high costs and the government's emphasis on cutting spending.

Al Najar said that 12,340 ferry trips had been made from Failaka and Ras Al Ard Ports during 1987.

## Islamic radio officials to meet

THE executive bureau of the Islamic Radio Stations Organisation meets today in plenum to meetings of the organisation's general assembly on Monday.

Representatives of some 40 radio stations are expected to attend meetings of the general assembly.

Secretary general of the organisation Ahmed Faraj arrived on Thursday for the meeting as did the chairman of the executive bureau, Foad Al Faris who is Saudi Arabia's undersecretary of information.

Information Ministry Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Jafar and senior information ministry officials were on hand to receive the participants at the airport.

One of the graduates receiving the certificate.

## Austrian official to tour Gulf

VIENNA, March 4, (Kuna): Austrian Foreign Ministry Secretary General Dr Thomas Kleist is leaving here tomorrow on a visit to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states to confer with the leaders of the GCC states.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain and Qatar are the members of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

## Jassar calls for more efforts to end Gulf war

AWQAF and Islamic Affairs Minister Khalid Al Jassar on Thursday called for exerting more efforts to end the "flaring and destructive" war between Iraq and Iran.

In an interview with Kuna, Al Jassar said the Gulf conflict has absorbed all potentials of the two belligerents, Iraq and Iran, while hoping that Iran would respond to peace calls by the international community.

### Tour

Rejection of peace calls, the minister stressed would result in "an all-out war that would threaten peace and tranquillity in the region."

He said bloodshed should be avoided and efforts should be directed towards confronting the Zionists who kill children and women in cold blood.

Jassar, who is scheduled to

leave for Egypt today within the framework of a tour that will also include Malaysia, said his visit to Egypt aims at boosting relations between the two countries.

While in Cairo, Al Jassar will attend meetings of the Islamic Dawa (preaching) Affairs Conference, scheduled to begin next Saturday.

The four-day conference will tackle a number of scientific researches, he added.

Al Jassar said he will take part during his visit to Malaysia in the inauguration ceremony of the "Sangour" Grand Mosque and praised the ties between Kuwait and Malaysia.

During his tour, Al Jassar will be accompanied by Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Undersecretary Mohammed Nasser Al Hamdan and the minister's office secretary Faysal Ghaffas.

## Kuwait's financial aid to South Yemen praised

A SENIOR official in the Yemen Democratic Republic hailed relations between his country and Kuwait praising Kuwaiti aid and economic support to Aden, a Kuwaiti daily reported on Thursday.

Politburo member and secretary of the ruling Yemeni Socialist Party, Fadel Muhsin Abdulla told the newspaper that Kuwait is the first Arab Gulf country which started financial aid to Democratic Yemen whether directly through the government or indirectly through Kuwaiti Fund for Development or other financial funds and associations in Kuwait.

In a statement to the paper, the senior Yemeni official hailed Kuwait stands toward the Yemen Democratic Republic.

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TWO training courses on computer programming and computer technician development concluded on Thursday at the Computer and Microfilm Training Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Planning.

The Director of training Abdul Latif Al Nami said 667 programmers had graduated from the department since it had been established in 1977. He added that the department had organised several seminars on computer and microfilm use which were attended by 2,639 employees from government ministries and institutions.

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## Agriculture in Bahrain suffers due to land reclamation

BAHRAN, March 4, (Reuters): Land reclaimed from shallow Gulf waters has altered the face of this cosmopolitan island state—but at a price.

A building and reclamation boom sparked by oil wealth in the 1970s has left behind graveyards of dead palm forest and hit an underground water lifeline to the island's crops.

Rising water table, brought on by the addition of large chunks of coastal land, also threatens to engulf 5,000-year old ruins and a 16th century Portuguese fort.

Government officials say the overall effects of reclamation—which added 14 square kilometres of land to this small island—were positive, because it made room for a rapidly expanding population of 420,000.

But they concede the multi-million dollar project happened rapidly and piecemeal, creating unforeseen problems.

**Causeway**

"The boom came so fast no one plan could cope," said Habib Hassan, head of the housing ministry's planning directorate.

"It brought lots of things—money, ambition and development of the infrastructure needed for our society. But people looked at the locality, not the totality of the situation," he told Reuters.

Most of the multi-storey office blocks, government buildings and five-star hotels which serve the island were built on land which two decades ago did not exist.

So was its drydock, central market and many embassies and apartment blocks. Two man-

mades islands form part of a 25-km causeway linking Bahrain to the Saudi mainland.

But environmental officials say dredging and reclamation wreaked havoc on both marine and land life, churning up layers of silt in the sea and blocking the natural drainage of water from coastal farms and palm forests.

Reclamation has destroyed most of Bahrain's mangrove swamp areas which are vital nursery grounds for shrimp, small fish and birds," said American Walter Vreeland, adviser to Bahrain's Environmental Protection Agency.

He said the expansion boom in the late 1970s probably also killed hundreds of date palms now standing desolately near Tuhli Bay on the north-east coast.

"As far as I can see, the reason those trees died was because the natural drainage of the whole area was affected when they began reclaiming Tuhli Bay," he said in an interview.

Tibor Emeez, Hungarian adviser at the agriculture ministry, said studies had shown every 100 metres width of reclaimed coastal land would raise the water table by nearly half a metre.

French archaeologist Monique Kevran said silt from sandbank reclamation had been dumped directly in front of a 5,000-year old site housing several layers of civilisation, raising the water table to the walls of its 16th century Portuguese fort.

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Reclamation began in the 1950s with a few small areas near a gateway known as Bab Al Bahrain (door to Bahrain) which housed the island's customs and immigration services at the

water's edge.

The newly-renovated building is now part of a heritage centre on Manama's busy government road, far from the sea.

Demand for new land sent prices in the coveted diplomatic area skyrocketing from 12 dinars (\$32 per square foot (0.1 square metre) in the 1970s to 150 dinars (\$400) in the early 1980s.

It also led to the creation of sanabis, a four square kilometre (1.5 square miles) chunk of land west of the capital, Manama, designed to become a residential and commercial area with its own private beach and marina.

The government is carving out pieces of sanabis for private citizens to compensate them for land lost during construction of a modern ring road circling the island.

Corniche

Another reclamation project, a narrow strip running three kilometres along the main King Faisal Highway, will eventually sport a high corniche with trees and elegant landscaping.

Sadly, the Sanabis project may have endangered one of Bahrain's most important archaeological sites and potential tourist attractions.

Farms in some areas had been affected by this but the government had planned drainage systems to compensate and now developers are seeking advice before starting new projects, he said.

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Ambassador Abdul Razzaq Al Kandari and the mission's diplomats received the invitees and their families.

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## Thought for today

We are inclined to believe those we do not know, because they never have deceived us — Samuel Johnson, English writer (1709-1784).

### Anti-Israeli uprising

## Arabs use hospitals, schools as havens

By Mary Sedor

**RAMALLAH**, Occupied West Bank, (AP): Palestinian protesters in Israel's occupied territories have been using hospitals, schools and mosques as hideouts to elude arrests and as staging grounds for anti-Israeli riots.

Israeli analysts call the use of such symbolic institutions in the current conflict a purposeful tactic by Palestinians.

A dozen Arab teenagers erected a series of barricades 10 metres (yards) from the front of the Ramallah Hospital emergency room on Wednesday, then threw stones at soldiers.

The Army responded with tear gas. One canister landed in the hospital, forcing dozens of gaggings patients to flee, covering their faces with clothing.

"Provoking the Army to enter a hospital is a propaganda coup for the Palestinians," said Brig. Gen. Arye Shalev, a former military commander of the West Bank.

"In the war of public opinion, hospitals, schools and mosques are symbols. They are sensitive spots. To enter a hospital by force with bullets and gas looks very bad," said Shalev, of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies.

### Firing

Troops firing tear gas, rubber bullets and occasionally live ammunition have broken into hospitals in the West Bank and Gaza at least seven times since the unrest began 12 weeks ago, according to witnesses.

Troops shot two Arabs to death inside Shifa Hospital's walled compound in December after rioters used the courtyard as a fortress for hurling firebombs and rocks at soldiers.

In Nablus, nurses at Al Ittihad Hospital said protesters frequently hide in the hospital after demonstrations. Last Thursday, the nurses helped two elude detection by dressing them in white nurse's jackets.

"We gave them white gowns like ours," said a 22-year-old nurse who declined to give his name. "They're lucky they were not asked questions about medicine. The soldiers do that sometimes, to make sure we really are nurses."

Young Palestinian riot leaders have also used mosques as refuges from soldiers, seizing control of some to attack Israeli targets.

At Nablus' Al Nasr mosque last Friday, an Arab youth led prayers while wearing a white cloth mask with eye slits to conceal his face.

### Famine in Ethiopia

## Civil war strangles relief programme

By Robert Powell

**ASMARA**, Ethiopia, (Reuter): Civil war between Ethiopia's Soviet-backed government and rebel guerrillas is strangling famine relief efforts in the country's northern provinces where millions of people face possible starvation.

Trucks have virtually stopped moving emergency food supplies into Tigray province and western Eritrea, and airlifts to remote garrison towns isolated by rebels have been affected.

"Frankly speaking, the main problem here is the conflict," one Western relief coordinator in Asmara said.

During the drought of 1984/85 up to one million Ethiopian peasants starved to death, but this time relief organisations ordered supplies of grain, beans and cooking oil in good time.

Civil war has prevented much of this food from moving out of ports and main towns to villages which need it.

### Stocks

"We never have enough food anywhere to plan our distribution. It is always a hand to mouth operation. It is terrible," complained Max Wey, delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Tigray.

International relief agencies say food stocks are nearly exhausted in Tigray, where more than 1.5 million drought victims face starvation.

"In Adwa and Axum (towns in

## Embarrassment for President Mubarak

# Charges against Nasser's son spark a row

By John Rogers

**CAIRO**, (Reuter): Terrorism charges against a son of the late Egyptian leader Gamal Abdel Nasser, an Arab nationalist hero, have prompted a political furore and embarrassment for President Hosni Mubarak's government.

Coinciding with continued killing by Israelis of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, the case has given fresh ammunition to opponents of Egypt's peace pact with Israel and close links with the United States.

Khaled Abdel Nasser was among 20 people accused of forming a leftist group which killed two Israeli officials in Cairo, tried to kill another, and shot at two US security men in separate attacks between 1984 and May 1987.

Nasser, a 38-year-old engineer, faces a possible death sentence if convicted on charges of complicity, incitement and financing the "Egypt's Revolution" group.

Since state prosecutors announced the charges on February 18, coffee-houses and parlours in the Arab world's largest city have buzzed with talk of little else.

Communists in Cairo's mainstream state-owned press and in the deeply partisan opposition newspapers have joined battle over the ramifications.

"We haven't had a political story like this for years," said a veteran Egyptian journalist. "If it wasn't so serious, it would be a great soap opera."

And a trial date has yet to be set.

Political analysts said the case appeared to pose no major problems for Mubarak, but was embarrassing on several counts:

● It gave Egypt's small but vocal left-wing a new hero and rallying point, reviving memories of the late President Nasser 18 years after his death and of his anti-American socialist ideas long after they lost official favour.

● The timing was awkward. At a time when Israeli troops were killing Palestinians, the state was prosecuting the son of a man who led Egypt in two wars against Israel.

● Egyptians thought it significant that Mubarak chose a gathering of top Army officers as the forum for his first public comment on the case, assuring them: "This will not affect the name or history of Abdel Nasser."

Mubarak voiced regret over the case but said no defendant would get special treatment.

Among admirers of the late president who took action on hearing the charges against his son was Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi, a foe of Egypt's peace pact with Israel.

He immediately offered

Khaled Abdel Nasser sanctuary, according to Arab sources in Belgrade.

Syria's Bar Association assigned lawyers to help defend Nas-

### Defence

A Cairo magazine reported former Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella, a friend of the late president, had agreed to head an Arab defence committee.

And the Nasserite Cairo newspaper Sawt Al Arab, in a report that could not be confirmed from Arab embassies, named several other Arab leaders as having expressed concern to Mubarak.

Unconfirmed US involvement in unravelling the "Egypt's Revolution" case gave opponents of close US-Egyptian ties more ammunition.

Newspapers said police only broke the case when a defendant went to the US embassy in Cairo last year and divulged information that led to arrest and prosecution. The embassy denied comment on the reports.

"Prime Minister — how come you let the US Embassy question Egyptians?" asked the left-wing weekly Al Shaab.

The press debate reflected deep hatred towards Israel among opposition militants.

Columbus Mohammed Abd Qaddous, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, said he supported Egypt's revolution.

"It has always hurt me that the crimes of the Zionist enemy are only met here with protest at most... I was glad when someone came to evoke panic in the souls of the Israelis inside Egypt," he wrote of the attacks on Israeli officials.

Retorted Said Sonbol, editor of the best-selling daily Al-Ahbar: "To suggest that there could be lawful or acceptable assassinations must be rejected altogether."



## Blacks pitted against blacks in South Africa

By Brendan Boyle

**EDENDALE**, South Africa, (UPI): Death is everyone's neighbour in the lush Edendale Valley west of Pietermaritzburg. Fear is a constant companion.

"There have been so many deaths that most people have lost their sense of weeping," says local newspaper reporter Lakela Kauunda. "Weddings, soccer matches and parties have been replaced by funerals."

By knife, gun and by fire, death comes almost nightly among the boxy brick cottages and thatched huts scattered across the green slopes of the Edendale Valley.

The 450 dead have included an infant shot in his mother's arms, 2-year-olds burned to death, a 10-year-old beheaded with an axe and a 70-year-old couple found recently with their throats slit.

Rows of fresh graves bear testimony to the terror. Gutted homes mark the scenes of violence. The black Edendale Hospital overflows with victims of the ugliest factional war yet spawned by apartheid.

"The stories of human woe are unending," said a young American working to help the victims. "It is hard to believe that people can be so cruel to other people."

### Attacking

"It would be wrong to say that it is purely one side attacking the other," added Kerchhoff. "But, certainly over (recent) days, there has been evidence of increasing Inkatha provocation."

"What is coming out of this, too, is a clear picture in the minds of the people that the police are involved with Inkatha," he said.

That statement raises the most serious of the allegations arising from the black-against-black battles — that South Africa's police are actively on Inkatha's side.

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## East-West thaw in Gulf

By Warren Richey

ABOARD HMS BATTLEAXE

IN THE GULF: The East-West

thaw is beginning to reach the

warm waters of the Gulf.

British naval officers in the

region say that their regular con-

tacts with the Soviet Navy's Gulf

patrol have taken on a very cold

tone in recent weeks.

The turning point is said to

have come just after Christmas

when a Soviet warship in a highly

unusual move radioed the British

guided-missile destroyer York

and wished the crew a "Happy

New Year," and a "safe voyage."

Similar friendly radio exchanges

have continued since.

Early last month in an

unprecedented example of

cooperation, Soviet and United

States forces conducted a joint

search for a mine in the central

## TV CORNER

## Football week

KTV 2 transmission opens throughout this week at 3 pm on to show live football. All regular programmes from 6 pm to 8 pm on Tuesday and Thursday have been cancelled to accommodate the Ninth Gulf Cup Football Championships, now being played in Saudi Arabia.

According to the weekly listings released by the Ministry of Information they will show Italian Soccer, highlights of Big League Soccer and American Basketball from 3 pm today and on Sunday.

On Monday, Oman vs Bahrain football match will be shown. As there is only one match, the regular programmes are not affected. However, on Tuesday normal viewing resumes after the news at 8 pm.



The Ninth Gulf Football Championship matches will be shown on KTV 2 this week. Above is a picture of the Kuwaiti football team.

## This week on KTV 2

## SUNDAY

- 3.00 Holy Quran
- 3.10 Sports Studio: Italian Soccer, highlights of Big League Soccer, American Basketball.
- 6.10 The Lone Ranger: the adventures of the ranger continue in another exciting episode.
- 6.30 Butterfly Island: in tonight's episode, the islanders are in for a shock when a multi-millionaire arrives and declares his intention to buy the island.
- 7.00 Understanding Islam: a weekly local talk show on Islam.
- 7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a wacky look at sporting events.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Hot Shots: "Roll Over Agatha Christie." A whodunit game at a palace turns into a real murder mystery.
- 9.30 Foley Square: "Someone To Watch Over Me." A bodyguard is appointed after Alex receives threats from unidentified people.

## MONDAY

- 10.00 Fi Rihab Tarbiya: the story of education in Kuwait and the present difficulties faced by educationists are examined in this weekly programme.
- 11.30 Al Islam Wal Insan: religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Abdul Suboor Shamsi.

## TUESDAY

- 10.00 Al Manahil: a programme for young viewers.
- 10.50 Poets and Poetry: tonight two Arab poets Abdul Rahman Al-Duwaihi and Abdul Rahman Al Najjar are featured at a poetry gathering at Nadi Al Fatat (Women's Club).

## WEDNESDAY

- 7.15 Al Ma'an: "Our Children and Their Future." Dr George Ta'amah discusses the upbringing of children in the Arab society.
- 10.50 Daera Al Abdah (Circle of Events): Kamel Sulaiman presents part two of the discussion on Fisheries and Marine Resources in Kuwait. Guests are Dr Jassem Mohammad Hassan, Dr Mohammad Abdullah Al Saif and Dr Adnan Khalifa Al Rushoud.

## THURSDAY

- 10.00 Al Manahil: a weekly serial featuring Sheza Saleem, Khalil Rifai, Mohammad Hussain Abdul Rahim.
- 4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays the debonair detective Simon Templar. This week, Templar is in Rome and solves an interesting case involving a journalist.

## FRIDAY

- 7.05 Maftoun Ayesh Farhan: last episode of this weekly series, starring Sayyada Kawari, Basma Hamada, Huda Hamada, Hilal Mohammad Hilal.
- 10.30 Tabool Fi Al Lail: Arabic film starring Hatem Zulfikar, Imaam, Mohammad Al Hejri, Widad Hamdi and Hussain Sharbini.

## SATURDAY

- 10.20 Children's Magazine: a weekly programme for children, presented by children.
- 4.00 Hub FIAJ Afiyat: Arabic feature film, starring Hala Fakher, Wahid Saif, Saeed Abdul Ghani. Comedy about a man who places a matrimonial advertisement in the paper.

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- 7.15 Al Faqih: a programme on art and culture, presented by Rola Al Fara'a.
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the Life." The life, love and fortunes of a middle-class American family are revealed in this mini-series, starring Richard Kiley, Eva Marie Saint, Wendy Philips, Morgan Stevens and David Oliver.

## TUESDAY

- 3.30 Holy Quran
- 3.40 Cartoons
- 4.00 Football: Qatar vs UAE
- 6.00 Kuwait vs Iraq
- 8.00 News in English

## WEDNESDAY

- 8.40 Heart of the City: "Rock and Rumble." A policeman kills a member of a notorious gang.
- 9.40 Omni: Peter Ustinov presents this half-hour programme on topical events.

## THURSDAY

- 10.00 Tracey Ulman Show: a 30-minute comedy featuring short sketches, including Meg's shower.
- 10.30 Feature Film: "Like Father and Son." A negro orphan is rescued by a white man, who helps the child find his family.

## FRIDAY

- 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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## Aretha's gospel truth

SHE'S been crowned the queen of soul, but Aretha Franklin should also be anointed the godmother of gospel. With her altar ego at full throttle, Aretha not only sang for, but produced, One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism. She recorded the new double album over three 105 nights last July in the Detroit church where her father was pastor. It's her first gospel album since 1972's Amazing Grace. "This was my baby, my labour of love," she says. "I wanted to produce this album (her first) because I didn't think anyone was better qualified than myself. Those ladies in this business that want to produce, should. It wasn't at all difficult for me." Amen.

## Slick moves

IF there's one thing about the 60s ex-Jefferson Airplane pilot Grace Slick could change, it would be the "naive assumption that drugs will get you to God." Now working to save the pandas and singing aboard the Starship band, Grace says that back then she and her friends assumed that because they were enjoying LSD, everyone else would too. "But," she says, "for someone living in the slums of Detroit who takes acid and sees a rat crawling up the wall — that turns into something very unhealthy. We're promoting something without any knowledge of who it did and didn't work for."

## Sweaty showmanship, dazzling illusions

# Jackson kicks off first US solo tour

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (UPI) With nearly 17,000 fans invited to his every gesture, it took only a flick of Michael Jackson's right wrist to ignite his 11-piece band into the thundering groove of 'Wanna Be Startin' Somethin' and kick off his first solo tour of the United States.

By the time he peeled off his black leather jacket midway through the first song of the two-hour, non-stop set, Jackson had stripped away the side-shows of travelling chimpanzees and plastic surgery in favour of sweaty showmanship and dazzling illusions. When the lights came up 16 songs later, Jackson had dipped into nearly every phase of his 20-year career, and the Kemper Arena crowd seemed breathless and exhausted.

"My whole body was vibrating," said Ann Chininis, 28. "He was a real performer. He gave a great show."

"I love it," said Jerome Clark, 21, who paid \$60 for his \$23 face-value ticket. "Michael's my main man. The show is chillin'."

The first of two Kansas City concerts sold out only on the morning of the show, and ticket demand outside the Arena was tight. Scalpers said they were disappointed. Few got even face value for their product.

### Expectant

Inside, the crowd of 16,900 was more expectant than rowdy, and police reported no arrests and little trouble. Four video screens hung over the stage, providing those with disabilities a slightly better angle.

There were no visibility problems with Jackson's entrance, the first time he has performed live in this country without his brothers. A huge light-board pointed toward the audience was slowly raised, revealing Jackson and four male dancers frozen behind their microphones.

Jackson flicked his wrist, the crowd erupted and the pop superstar's first national tour was off and jamming.

From 'Wanna Be Startin' Somethin', one of a flurry of hits from Jackson's 1983 'Thriller' album, the 29-year-



Michael Jackson

old singer launched into 'Heartbreak Hotel', a multi-layered predecessor of 'Thriller' that Jackson wrote for his brothers' 1980 album 'Triumph.'

But instead of the dramatic horn section that powered 'Heartbreak Hotel' and many other Jackson hits on record, synthesised horn sounds were used as a substitute. Jackson had two keyboard players reproducing a host of instruments and sound effects, along with two and sometimes three guitarists and four backup singers.

When the six Jackson brothers toured as a family in 1984, also opening their tour in Kansas City, critics grumbled that the 'Victory' tour did not differ much from the 'Triumph' tour several years earlier. Jackson's rendition of 'Heartbreak Hotel' had the same problem, with nearly identical choreography right down to a flashback exploding at the same moment as it did four years ago.

Similarly, much of Jackson's detailed group choreography merely mimicked that shown on his video's from the 'Thriller' and 'Bad' albums. Though it seemed the show lacked spontaneity, Jackson's whirling stage presence overwhelmed any notion that the concert was stale or contrived.

### Illusions

Indeed, Jackson stuck mainly to material from his last two albums, returning to his hits with the Jackson 5 only in a mid-show medley of 'I Want You Back', 'The Love You Save' and 'I'll Be There'. He passed over his teenage solo hits, such as 'Ben' and 'Rockin' Robin', and jumped back into adulthood with a revved-up version of 'Rock With You'.

Banks of more than 3,000 lights spun lasers and darting colour across the 44-foot stage as Jackson led his guitarists through a fiery version of 'Dirty Diana'. It was the only song Jackson performed from the

'Bad' album that has not been released as a single.

Jackson used small tents at the side of the stage to work quick costume changes, as well as disappearing illusions in which he would reappear in an explosion on the opposite side of the stage.

Re-appearing one time in a monster mask, Jackson launched into the song 'Thriller' with his dancers costumed as ghouls.

But for every gimmick or illusion, Jackson seemed just as happy to wander the two-tiered stage himself, with neither dancers nor musicians. The dancers stayed off-stage for most songs, including a seemingly self-engrossed rendition of 'She's Out of My Life', in which Jackson stopped the song and pretended to weep.

Jackson hauled out his famed white glove for only one song, 'Billie Jean', and performed his 'moon walk' step during that song only. The red leather jacket and glittering white socks that Jackson made famous in the 'Beat It' and 'Thriller' videos were revived for those songs, with flashing lights replacing the jacket's metal studs.

The set ended with 'Bad', as Jackson pranced to the back of the stage and played to the 'restricted view' section. Jackson otherwise had little interaction with the crowd, besides an occasional 'How ya doin'?' shout.

Jackson's only encore began with 'The Way You Make Me Feel', and the woman he followed in song's video teased him around the concert stage as well.

Jackson closed with his latest single, 'The Man in the Mirror', and his singing seemed more emotional and fresh than with his older hits. In true James Brown fashion, he fell to his knees and implored the audience to join him in an extended sing-along of the song's coda, 'Make That Change'.

"Whoever missed it, they missed the concert of their life," said Claudia Shaw. "It was like rhythm and blues, punk rock and hard rock all in one concert."

## Grammy awards

# U2 named best rock group

fans, family and God.

The voters of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences dealt Michael Jackson a snub as far as awards went.

His album "Bad" lost to U2 and Sting beat him for best male pop music vocalist. He also lost out in the best rhythm and blues vocalist category to Smokey Robinson.

But he was a winner as far as the audience was concerned as he electrified them with a performance that included a throat Gospel song 'The Man in the Mirror'.

Vladimir Horowitz, the legendary pianist now in his 80s, won a special Grammy award for his service to music and an award for his classical album Horowitz in Moscow.

## Rick Astley on top

and Dusty Springfield.

19. Girlfriend — Pebbles.

20. Hungry Eyes — Eric Car-

men.

The top 20 albums

1. Dirty Dancing — Sound-

track.

2. Faith — George Michael.

3. Kick — INXS.

4. Tiffany — Tiffany.

5. Bad — Michael Jackson.

6. Skyscraper — David Lee Roth.

7. Hysteria — Def Leppard.

8. Out of the Blue — Debbie Gibson.

9. I Want Her — Keith Sweat.

10. Can't Stay Away from You — Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine.

11. Found Someone — Cher.

12. Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Car — Billy Ocean.

13. Love Overboard — Gladys Knight and the Pips.

14. Hysteria — Def Leppard.

15. Still My Beating Heart — Sting.

16. Rocket 2 U — The Jets.

17. (Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay — Michael Bolton.

18. What Have I Done to Deserve This? — Pet Shop Boys

— Guns and Roses

— John Cougar Mellencamp.

19. Whenever You Need Somebody — Rick Astley.

20. Nothing Like the Sun — Sting.

21. Whitney — Whitney Houston.

22. Good Morning, Vietnam — Soundtrack.

23. Cloud Nine — George Harrison.

24. Heaven on Earth — Belinda Carlisle.

25. Tunnel of Love — Bruce Springsteen.

26. Permanent Vacation — Aerosmith.

27. Whitesnake — Whitesnake.

28. Blow Up Your Video — AC/DC.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Bonn energy expert sees greater role for Opec

## Study predicts \$30 oil by early 1990s

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, March 4. (Agencies): A new study by the Harvard University Energy and Environmental Policy Centre says oil prices could rise from recent levels to \$30 per barrel by the early 1990s.

The year-long study, released yesterday, was partially funded by a consortium of Japanese government and businesses reported the Associated Press news agency.

**Prices**

According to the study, the improved economies of industrialised nations since the 1986 oil price collapse have discouraged conservation efforts and reduced oil stockpiles.

"Today's low prices sow the seeds for higher prices tomorrow by encouraging use, by improving prospects for economic growth ... and by lulling consumers, industries and government into energy security complacency," the report says.

It indicates that lower oil prices have also triggered a long-term economic growth rate of 2.5 per cent annually in the United States and three to four per cent

in Japan.

The study says as demand growth resumes, "higher oil prices cannot be far behind."

While governments have been increasing oil reserves, petroleum companies have reduced stockpiles due to higher demand, claims the report.

Meanwhile, most oil prices dropped another notch on world markets yesterday despite a bidding war by the UAE Oil Minister Dr Mana Saeed Otaiba that his Opec nation had offered discounts to Japanese clients.

An early rally evaporated after an Opec spokesman in Vienna said the 13-nation organisation had "no plans at the moment" to hold an emergency meeting even though oil prices have tumbled by more than \$4 a barrel below its \$18-a-barrel benchmark price.

### Production

"Unless oil prices drop another dollar or so, Opec probably will not call an emergency meeting," said Peter Beutel, analyst at Elders Futures Inc. in New York. "But if prices should plummet suddenly, Opec might not have a choice."

### Dollar should not fall further, says Volcker

PRINCETON, N.J., March 4. (Reuters): Former US Central Bank chairman Paul Volcker warned yesterday against any further depreciation of the dollar as he took a part-time job as a professor at Princeton University.

The 60-year-old economist, who oversaw the US recovery from raging inflation and soaring interest rates in the early 1980s, announced his new post at a press conference held at the prestigious university.

"I think the dollar is at a competitive level now. We should not — and it is dangerous to — rely on more depreciation of the dollar," he said.

### Improvement

"I think to make room for an improvement in the trade deficit we have to deal with the internal budget deficit because we are not going to have enough resources to support rapid growth and consumption and be able to handle the trade deficit at the same time. We got to release some resources for the export sector," the former Federal Reserve chairman added.

"The economy has been moving at reasonable rate," Volcker continued. "Certain sectors of the economy are potentially strong, financially strong, including exports which are high, and there are some prospects for a pickup in business investment."

He said his Princeton post would be part time and that he planned to announce later that he had established what he called a business connection in New York, but no details.

Volcker served two terms as chairman of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System, leaving post in August 1987. He was replaced by Alan Greenspan.

Meanwhile, US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter said the dollar was appreciated at present levels.

Yeutter said he sees good prospects for major progress in the US trade deficit if it avoided the demagogic temptation of an election year.

"We're competitive at existing exchange rates. We are in a position today where to the degree the price is the determining factor, we can compete in any market," he told reporters following an address to the US Congress.

## IDB loans now total \$7.27b

BEIRUT, March 4. (Opec): A new orientation of policies and strategies to strengthen cooperation among member states will be high on the agenda when the board of governors of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) meets in Tunis on Monday.

The board's 12th meeting, to be attended by finance ministers from the bank's 44 member states, will also discuss the organisational structure of the 13 year old institution.

IDB president Dr Ahmed Mohammad Ali said in an interview that the bank had approved \$7.27 billion in concessional loans and assistance since it began operations in 1975.

Of the total, \$5.24 billion went to the financing of foreign trade operations, \$1.84 billion to projects and 0.19 billion accounted for special assistance.

### Project

He explained that project aid was extended by the bank in the form of loans or equity for the development of infrastructural and socio-economic projects.

IDB began its foreign trade financing operations in 1977 to help member countries import raw materials, industrial goods and other development-related commodities needed to stimulate domestic production.

As a supplementary measure, IDB last year introduced a longer-term trade financing scheme designed to promote the exports of its members, especially those of non-traditional goods.

During the Islamic year 1407, which ended on August 25, 1987, IDB approved a spending portfolio of \$714 million consisting of \$567 million for foreign trade financing programmes, 161 million for projects and 13 million to set up a fund for special operations, he said.

## Foreign investment in US rises

WASHINGTON, March 4. (Xinhua): The steady rise of foreign investment in US businesses and real estate may turn out to be the "most controversial legacy of Reaganomics," said a signed article of the "Wall Street Journal" yesterday.

Already, the "selling of America" has become a hot topic among politicians and the press, it warned.

For more than 30 years after World War II, US multinationals spread their capital around the globe, the article recalled. And now the nation finds itself on the receiving end, it said.

### Investors

For years of unprecedented US trade deficits have left foreigners with a wealth of American dollars and limited interest in American goods, it noted.

Initially, foreign investors invested their excess dollars in US

Oil prices began unravelling in early February when reports surfaced that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries had raised its production and extended discounts to retain clients in the glutted global market.

New York-based Petroleum Intelligence Weekly reported this week that Opec appears to have cut output by about 500,000 barrels to between 17 million and 17.5 million barrels a day in the last week or so in a bid to shore up prices.

Otaiba dismissed as "absolute rubbish" a French magazine report that the UAE had promised to compensate Japanese clients losses suffered because of the widening gap between spot and Opec official prices.

The magazine, Petrostrategies, said in its March issue Otaiba gave verbal assurances during a recent trip to Japan that if Japanese companies paid official rates, "the necessary adjustments would be made retroactively."

Otaiba told the UAE newspaper Gulf News that the Emirates "will not budge from its determination to help stabilise the market by sticking to the official Opec price of \$18 a barrel."

On the European spot market, where oil is sold to the highest bidder, the UAE's Dubai light — the key Opec crude from the Middle East — slipped 10 cents to \$13.30 a barrel.

Britain's North Sea Brent, the world's most widely traded crude, ended unchanged at \$13.90 a barrel — its lowest level since November 1986.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, West Texas Intermediate — the principal US crude — fell 17 cents to \$15.50 a barrel after trading as high as \$15.86 early in the session.

Bucking the overall market trend, West Texas Intermediate gained 25 cents to \$15.65 on the US gulf coast market.

But West Texas Intermediate still is at its lowest point since mid-December, when Opec reached a makeshift accord to

extend existing production quotas and its \$18-a-barrel benchmark price through the first half of 1988.

In the meantime, a West German oil executive in Hamburg predicted an increased role for Opec countries as world oil suppliers since demand was expected to increase by two per cent in the next decade.

"There will be better years ahead for Opec," according to Dr Wolfgang Muller-Michaels, general manager of the Hamburg-based Deutsche BP Oil Company.

He told Opecna yesterday that for the time being an oil price of \$18 a barrel was "satisfactory" for both producers and consumers, adding that the end of this year would certainly witness an oil market recovery.

His view, he added, was based on certain trends in the market and the production sector.

West Germany's Mineral Oil Industry Association (MWV) expects a slight but steady rise in world oil demand over the next few years, MWV chairman Hellmut Buddenberg said yesterday.

Buddenberg told a news conference that he also expected crude oil prices to stabilise at about \$18 per barrel. Referring to the present oil price in Europe of under \$15 per barrel, he said "sooner or later the price will revolve around \$18 again."

**Developments**

"Further price developments depend on the behaviour of the Opec nations," he said.

Buddenberg said he expected world oil demand to increase into the 1990s by one or two per cent annually.

He said the present price weakness of oil on the world market did not signal the start of a price collapse like that of 1986. The weakness was caused by the oil reserves held in storage by the oil companies.

Buddenberg said the world's secured oil reserves of about 120 billion tonnes would last for about 40 more years. Other exploitable and probable reserves were estimated at 300 billion tonnes and ensured supplies for a further 200 years, he said.

## World Business Summary

### Fed chief denies secret accord on interest rates

WASHINGTON, March 4. (Xinhua): US Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan denied that the United States had reached a secret accord to keep interest rates at particular levels with its economic allies, according to press reports today. Asked in the Senate Budget Committee yesterday, if US officials had secretly agreed with other Group-7 countries on interest rate levels, since the US needs to attract foreign capital, Greenspan said "No." In late December, officials from the seven industrialised countries — the United States, Britain, France, Federal Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan — issued a statement reaffirming their commitment to coordinate economic policies in order to stabilise currencies. It was reported that the statement was followed by direct, coordinated central bank intervention in currency markets, and the dollar has been fairly stable ever since.

Of late, there have been suggestions that US officials will tolerate some strengthening in the dollar.

At a recent senate hearing, Greenspan said that stabilising the dollar and other exchange rates "is something we are seeking to achieve." The finance officials have no secret accord and they are "in fact coordinating our policies," he said.

### US jobless rate drops to 5.7pc

WASHINGTON, March 4. (Reuters): The US civilian unemployment rate fell to 5.7 per cent in February from 5.8 per cent in January as firms hired more than half a million more workers, the government announced today. The Labour Department said 531,000 non-farm jobs were created last month, dwarfing economists' expectations of a 200,000 increase and providing fresh evidence that the economy was far from a recession.

Unemployment is now at its lowest level since July 1979. A year ago the jobless rate was 6.6 per cent. Although the surge in non-farm jobs in February may have been accentuated by seasonal factors, economists said the figures should banish any lingering thoughts that the economy is on the verge of a downturn. As such, the statistics are likely to give a boost to Republican candidates in this presidential election year.

Worries that businesses were cutting production to trim bloated inventories mounted last month because only 107,000 jobs were created in January. The US Central Bank, which watches the job figures closely to gauge the economy's strength, was concerned enough to nudge interest rates a bit lower in early February. The jump in new jobs last month easily outstripped the monthly average increase of 250,000 in 1987 and the 380,000 average monthly gain between October and December. Even January's weak increase was revised up to 174,000. Most of the jobs were added in service industries, such as business and health care. Construction employment also increased, but the number of manufacturing jobs was little changed, the government said.

### Magical rise in carpet exports

BELJING, March 4. (Xinhua): Business co-operation and contract systems in foreign trade firms have helped Chinese carpets win a larger share of the world market, "China Daily" said today. The country's carpet exports topped \$270 million in 1987 for the first time ever, a 28 per cent increase over 1986.

Chinese carpets account for about 20 per cent of the world carpet trade. Last year, about \$80 million worth of carpets went to the United States, the largest importer of Chinese carpets. About \$50 million worth of carpets went to Japan. The rest were sold mainly in Europe, Hong Kong and Southeast Asia.

Zhang Han, deputy general manager of the China Native Produce and Animal By-products Import and Export Corporation, attributed to increase in new management methods in both carpet enterprises and foreign trade firms. The government now allows carpet factories and export firms to establish business connections with counterparts in other cities and provinces. In the past, carpet exporters could purchase carpets only from local producers. The new method has promoted technical exchanges among producers and expanded sources of commodities for foreign trade firms, Zhang said at a press conference yesterday. An economic responsibility system implemented in carpet factories and contracts signed between foreign trade firms and their authorities have urged carpet producers to reduce costs to improve economic results, Zhang said. China now has 32 carpet exporters, six of which were established last year.

## Financial analysis programme

THE Kuwait-based Institute of Banking Studies (IBS) will open today a two-week financial analysis programme sponsored jointly with a foreign financial accounting firm.

About 20 officials from Kuwait Central Bank will participate in the programme, which seeks to familiarise bankers and financial experts with the latest office management techniques, high-tech methods and international financial indexes.

## Credit cards to be offered in Soviet Union

MOSCOW, March 4. (Reuters): Credit cards will soon be available for Soviet bank account holders who last year got cheque books for the first time, the weekly Moscow News said today.

It quoted Mikhail Misko, head of a new state banking firm called Inturkart, as saying that cards would be issued later this year both for people holding double accounts and those with the right to save hard currency.

Misko said the cards would be similar to Western-style credit cards, bearing the name of the holder and a magnetic tape containing information about his or her address and salary.

He said card holders would receive monthly bills which they would have to sign and send to their banks for debiting. People who did not have a bank account could still obtain cards if their salaries were transferred to their credit card accounts.

Misko said each holder's credit limit would be determined by computer on the basis of salary size.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond Highligths

London — Asahi Breweries Ltd is issuing a 300 mln dlr equity warrant Eurobond due March 23, 1993 (RTWF 1101) with an indicated coupon of 4-3/4 pct and par pricing, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said.

Frankfurt — Commerzbank International SA, Luxembourg is issuing a five-year 300 mln mark Eurobond with a five pct coupon priced at 100-1/2, lead manager and Parent Commerzbank AG said.

Frankfurt — A new German Federal bond is likely to be issued later this month, but the launch date could be later than originally expected, official sources said. (RTWG 1126)

Frankfurt — Avon Capital Corp of New York, a financing unit of Avon Products Inc, is issuing a 10-year 170 mln mark Eurobond with a 6-1/8 pct coupon priced at 100-1/2, lead manager J.P. Morgan GMBH said. (RTXW 1421)

Dusseldorf — Union Bank of Norway is issuing a 50 mln Australian dollar, five-year Eurobond with a 13-17/8 pct coupon priced at 101-7/8, lead manager Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale (WESTLB) said. (RTWQ 1209)

## Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	8-7/8 5/8	9 8-7/8	9-1/4 1/8
FFT	3.25/35	3.35/45	3.35/45
PAR	7-5/16 3/8	7-1/4 1/8	7-3/4 1/2
ZUR	1/8 3/8	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-5/8 1-7/8
BRX	5.25	6-1/16 3/16	6-1/16 3/16
ROM	10 10-1/2	10-7/8 11-3/8	10-7/8 11-3/8
ANS	3-13/16 3-7/8	3-7/8 4-0/0	3-15/16 4-1/16
TOK	3.5625 6250	3.9375 4.0000	3.8125 8750
EDU	6.06 6.31	6.06 6.18	6.25 6.37

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	4 1/16	4 7/16
3 months	4-7/16	4-3/4
6 months	4-5/8	4-15/16
1 year	4-3/4	5-3/16

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE
AEG	225.0 225.7
ALLIANZ VR	1386.0 1389.0
BADENWERK	185.5 185.5
BAASF	242.5 243.8
BAYER	263.5 264.5
BAYER HYP	352.0 353.0
BAYER VER	346.0 343.5
BBC	311.0 313.5
BHF	328.0 327.0
BWV	524.5 529.5
CHENIE-VER	0 120.0
COMMERZBK	227.5 229.5
CONTI GUMM	234.7 235.0
DAIMER BEN	694.0 698.3
DEUTSCHE BNK	426.8 432.5
DLW	323.0 319.0
DRESDNER B	246.8 249.0
DT BABCOCK	153.5 155.0
FAZ INDEX	0 457.66
GOLDSCHMID	257.0 258.0
GUTEHOFF	0 0
HARPERM	392.5 389.0
HOECHST AG	253.5 255.0
HOESCH	106.1 110.0
HORTEN	174.0 172.5
HUSSEL HLD	428.8 432.0
KALI SALZ	143.8 145.8
KARSTADT	421.5 423.0
KAUFHOF	368.1 371.0
KLOECK B	95.0 93.0
KLOECK V	0 67.5
LINDE	571.0 568.0
LUFTHANSA	147.5 150.0
MAH	155.0 156.0
MANNESMAN	118.8 119.6
MERCEDES	549.0 551.0
METALLGES	226.5 230.0
NIXDORF PF	560.0 564.5
WORX HYD	46.50 47.00
PHILIP MOR	650.0 650.0
PURSCHI	47.0 45.0
PREUSSAG	127.0 128.0
PWA	193.5 195.5
RHEIN	203.0 204.5
RHEIN P	198.8 199.5
RHEINMETAL	255.0 257.0
SLAMANDER	269.0 268.0
SCHERING	456.0 450.0
SEL	314.0 314.0
STERENS	377.5 382.5
THYSSEN	123.6 125.5
VARTA	253.5 251.0
VEBA	255.6 259.2
WEV	163.0 163.5
VOLKSWAGEN	246.0 250.5

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1260	1280
AJINOMOTO	3400	3400	MITSUB EL	659 651
AKAI ELEC	555	529	MITSUB EST	2300 2190
AOKI	1020	990	MITSUB HVY	642 642
ASAHI GAS	1970	1880	MITSU CO	789 785
ASAHI OPT	585	588	MITSUKOSHI	1580 1560
BANK TOKYO	1550	1540	MITSUMI EL	1260 1310
BRIDGESTON	1430	1400	NICHICON	1320 1320
CANON	1180	1160	NIKON CHNT	873 850
CASIO COMP	1270	1250	NIKKO SEC	2120 2100
CRUGAI MNG	0	0	NIP ELEC	2090 2040
CITIZEN W	640	620	NIP KOKKAN	361 353
D-ICHI KAN	3200	3220	NIP OIL	1230 1220
DAI NIP IK	815	796	NIP STEEL	441 437
DAI NIP PT	2600	2600	NISSA SEC	4000 3960
DAI NIP TO	484	481	OBIA CO	1000 972
DAICEL	810	820	OLYMPUS	1120 1140
DAIMA H	1850	1810	PENTA OCN	896 882
DAIMA SEC	2760	2710	PIONEER	3170 2950
EBRA MFG	865	865	RENOV	820 820
EISAI	2690	2690	RICOH	1280 1250
FUJITSU	1540	1530	SAKYOU	2220 2140
FUJI BANK	3470	3460	SANYO ELEC	526 528
FUJI PHOTO	4140	4080	SEIYU ST	2450 2450
FUJISAMA	2030	2000	SEKISUI PB	1960 1930
FUJISITA CP	755	737	SHARP	1000 1010
HITACHI	1370	1320	SHISEIDO	1710 1720
HONDA MOT	1560	1560	SONY	5000 4960
ISETAN	1380	1400	TOKIO ELEC	1170 1150
ITO YOKADO	4200	4200	TOKIO GAS	1160 1100
KAWASAKI S	383	385	TOKYO POAR	6070 5880
KURIN BREW	2529	2510	TOKYU END	826 825
KONATSU	637	623	TOSHIBA EL	760 770
KUBATO LTD	696	679	TOTO	2300 2290
KYOCERA	5420	5400	TOYO KOGO	447 442
MAKITA EL	1870	1880	TOYOTA MOT	2310 2240
MARU	3090	3080	YAMAHA	1110 1090
MATSUTA EI	2410	2340	YAMATOTCHI	2110 2080
MATSUTA EL	2370	2270	YAMAMUCHI	4110 4080
MEIJI SEIKI	958	948	YAMAZAKI	1530 1530

## TOKYO STOCK MARKET REPORT

DOLLAR CLOSES LITTLE CHANGED IN DULL TOKYO TRADE TOKYO, MARCH 4, REUTER - THE DOLLAR FINISHED LITTLE CHANGED AGAINST MAJOR CURRENCIES IN LARGELY TECHNICAL AND TYPICALLY THIN PRE-WEEKEND TRADING IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY MARKET-MOVING FACTORS, DEALERS SAID.

"WE HAVE NOT DONE ANYTHING TODAY. IF THE DOLLAR SHOWS ANY BIG MOVEMENT, IT WILL NOT BE UNTIL MID-MARCH WHEN THE U.S.-JAPAN TRADE AND INVISIBLE TRADE DATA ARE DUE TO BE RELEASED," A SENIOR DEALER AT A U.S. BANK SAID.

THE DOLLAR WAS CONFINED TO A TIGHT RANGE OF 0.14 YEN TODAY. IT CLOSED AT 129.22 YEN AND 1.6943/48 MARKS AGAINST 129.15/20 AND 1.6940/50 IN NEW YORK.

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE SLIGHTLY FIRMER IN ROBUST TRADE TOKYO, MARCH 4, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED SLIGHTLY HIGHER IN STRONG ACTIVITY DUE TO AGGRESSIVE TRADE OF LARGE CAPITALISATION ISSUES, ALTHOUGH THE APPROACHING END OF THE FISCAL YEAR MAY BEGIN TO TEMPER INTEREST, BROKERS SAID.

"THE MARKET MAY GET WEAK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH, WHEN MANY LARGE INVESTORS WILL BE CLOSING THEIR BOOKS," SAID A FUND MANAGER AT A MAJOR JAPANESE BANK. "BUT THE FUNDAMENTALS ARE STILL STRONG."

THE NIKKEI INDEX FINDED 19.13 POINTS, OR 0.07 PCT, TO 25,615.62. IT FELL 86.51 POINTS ON THURSDAY. ADVANCES ALMOST MATCHED DECLINES IN HEAVY VOLUME OF 1.3 BILLION SHARES.

PHARMACEUTICALS, RUBBER, ROLLING STOCK, STEEL, GAS, AIRLINE, ELECTRONIC AND FOOD SHARES ROSE.

SECURITIES HOUSE, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, COMMUNICATIONS, RAILWAY/BUS, WAREHOUSE AND REAL ESTATE ISSUES FELL.

DESPITE A SLIGHT MARKET DROP ON THURSDAY, LARGE CAPITALS CONTINUED TO ATTRACT ATTENTION. THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THE CONSIDERABLE VOLUME, UP FROM THE 1.1 BILLION SHARES TRADED ON THURSDAY, BROKERS SAID.

THE TOP 10 TRADED STOCKS IN THE MORNING, CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF STEEL AND HEAVY MACHINERY SHARES, MADE UP 58.8 PCT OF THE TOTAL MORNING 520 MLN SHARE TURNOVER.

THE DAILY VOLUME HAS EXCEEDED ONE BILLION SHARES FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS, AND BROKERS SAID THIS IS A SIGN OF MORE-THAN-AMPLE LIQUIDITY.

IF EXPENSIVE SHARES SUCH AS FINANCIALS ARE BOUGHT, THEIR HEAVY WEIGHT ON THE INDEX WOULD BRING THE OVERALL MARKET UP AND SPUR PROFIT-TAKING.

FUND MANAGERS WANT TO KEEP THE MARKET STEADY SO THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO PULL OUT OF EQUITIES, BROKERS SAID.

INVESTING IN LARGE CAPITALS DOESN'T MOVE THE INDEX MUCH, AND BUYING AND SELLING CAN BE DONE SMOOTHLY WITHOUT DISRUPTING MARKET CALM, THEY ADDED.

## Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, MARCH 4, REUTER - LIGHT BARGAIN HUNTING EMERGED IN THE AFTERNOON TO PUSH SHARE PRICES TO CLOSE AROUND THE DAY'S HIGHS, BROKERS SAID.

THE HONG KONG INDEX ROSE 3.90 POINTS TO FINISH THE DAY AT 2,472.48 AFTER FALLING NEARLY 20 POINTS INITIALLY. THE HONG KONG INDEX GAINED 4.86 TO 1,619.26, TURNOVER WAS 779.46 MLN HK. DLRs AGAINST 865.35 MLN DLRS YESTERDAY.

BROKERS SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S 1988/89 BUDGET PRESENTED ON WEDNESDAY WAS GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED AND SUPPORTED SENTIMENT. WHILE LIGHT PROFIT TAKING SLOWED THE MARKET'S ADVANCE THE DOWNSIDE RISK APPEARED LIMITED, THEY ADDED.

## CHINESE PRICES

	Buying	Selling
US dlr	27558	27708
Stg.	48681	48974
DM	16234	16333
Sfr.	19642	19764
F-fr</td		

## BUSINESS

### Gold gains

# Dollar, shares steady in quiet trade

LONDON, March 4. (Reuters): The dollar and share prices held steady today as investors shugged off news that far more Americans found jobs in February than had been expected and that Brazil had agreed to reschedule its debt.

Dealers said the US report that 531,000 Americans found non-farm jobs — five times the January increase in employment — suggested that the US economy is likely to keep growing strongly. But even so, the dollar was unchanged at 129 yen and just above 1.69 West German marks.

**Sign**  
Nor did international investors see much of an immediate signal to buy dollars in today's news that Brazil agreed to reschedule its debt — even though it should ease fears about the threat posed by Third World debt to the financial system.

In Rio De Janeiro, a Finance Ministry spokesman said Brazil

and its commercial creditors agreed to reschedule \$67.5 billion of debt over a 20 year period.

#### Payments

Brazil had frozen payments on this debt a year ago, raising fears that the debt crisis was entering a new, and more dangerous phase.

It and its bankers have been negotiating terms for a resumption of payments.

Shares in the banks to which Brazil owes money were also little changed.

Gold was fixed in London today at \$430.75 an ounce, up \$1.65 from yesterday's rate. Oil prices were also steady, with Brent crude oil from the North Sea quoted at around \$13.90 a barrel for March delivery.

London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares rose more than 20 points by mid-afternoon, going above 1,835. In Tokyo, the world's biggest stock market, the 225-share Nikkei index closed

just 19.13 points up at 25,615.62.

Trading was subdued in most markets.

"The market's drifting. Volume yesterday was peanuts and today there's nothing to give a firm lead," a Paris share dealer said.

#### Willing

The reason, dealers say, is that few investors are willing to take positions in any financial markets, fearing to guess wrong about prospects for the global economy and unwilling to put too much faith in any recent economic data.

Dealers said the US jobs report today — which pushed the US unemployment rate down to 5.7 per cent in February from 5.8 per cent in January could be read as frightening prospects for growth.

But some fear fast growth could mean more spending on imports, keeping the massive US

trade deficit from falling.

Their main worry is still that the United States is spending more dollars than the rest of the world wants to hold.

Until they see clearer signs that this is not so, many are slashing funds in high interest rates pound sterling bank accounts — enough, in fact, to worry the Bank of England, which was selling pounds to keep them trading below three marks.

#### Shares

Meanwhile, Dutch shares eased, with the CBS All-Share index down 0.2 to open at 80.2, while Paris shares slipped 0.6 per cent. In Zurich, the All-Share Swiss index fell 6.2 points to 850. Milan's MIB index fell 1.6 per cent.

Frankfurt shares eased, with the 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index fell 1.5 points, lower at 290.68.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index

edged 3.90 points higher to 2,472.38. Singapore shares were mixed, while Sydney's all-ordinates index rose 5.1 points to 1,298.5.

Britain's central bank intervened in the currency market yesterday selling pounds for marks when sterling threatened to appreciate too strongly against West Germany's currency, dealer reported.

London currency dealers said the Bank of England acted when sterling seemed likely to rise above three marks. The market believes the bank will try not to let sterling go further than that, for fear it could begin to price British exports off foreign markets.

Investors have been buying pounds because Britain's relatively high interest rates make sterling accounts a rewarding lodging place for their money at the moment.

### 'Outlook for '88 cautiously optimistic'

# American bank profits in '87 lowest since depression

WASHINGTON, March 4. (AP): American banks recorded their least profitable year since the Great Depression of 1930s last year, but a top federal regulator says he sees better days ahead.

The nation's federally insured commercial banks earned \$3.7 billion last year on assets of \$3 trillion, down from \$17.5 billion earnings in 1986, said L. William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

That amounted to a return on assets of only 0.13 per cent last year and was the lowest level since the FDIC, which insures deposits of up to \$100,000, was established in 1934.

#### Chance

The year-to-year drop in earnings was due entirely to large banks adding to reserves to cover expected losses on loans to Third World countries, Seidman said yesterday. Nine of the 10 largest banks and 17 of the 25 largest reported a loss for 1987.

"Absent the extraordinary reserving for (developing country) loans ... no income would have been roughly equal to

eight banks have failed in the first two months of this year; 16 of them in the three oil states.

The number of federally insured commercial banks, which is shrinking because of failures and mergers, dwindled to 1,300 in 1987 from 1,340 in 1985 to about 13,700 last year, the lowest number since 1971.

#### Positive

The results for all of 1987 masked a more positive fourth quarter. Despite loan loss provisions of \$7.7 billion for the quarter, banks posted \$3.2 billion profits, 25 per cent higher than the last quarter of 1986.

Seidman said banks were especially strengthened in the fourth quarter by a flood of new deposits as investors after the Oct. 19 stock market crash pulled their money out of stocks and put it into insured bank accounts.

The crash also triggered a surge in loan demand from stock brokerages and other financial service firms, the FDIC chairman said. And, because the Federal Reserve pumped money into the economy in response to the crash, banks are enjoying lower interest rates.

### Debtor countries spurn export credits

WASHINGTON, March 4. (AP): Debtor countries are spurning subsidised loans despite more offers by industrial countries to push the sales of their goods, according to an International Monetary Fund report.

The US government's Export-Import Bank, which handles the subsidised lending for the United States, says France has been the biggest source of such credits in recent years. The United States is second, followed by Japan, Britain and West Germany.

"For some (debtor) countries, cutbacks may have reflected a desire to limit the increase of external indebtedness," the report said. Total debt of Third World countries is expected to reach \$1.245 trillion by the end of this year.

The report suggested that other borrowers have been so short of cash that they do not have the resources to support new projects.

#### Credit

If said one government's credit agency is debating a substantial cut in staff, and another is cancelling some of its weekly meetings because there were no

applications to consider.

"One of the largest agencies reported that in 1986 it had lost \$471 million in the year that ended last Sept. 30. He calculated that over 54 years, the bank has supported \$193 billion worth of US exports at a cost of 2 to 3 billion."

The fund's report says that not only are new government export credits decreasing, but there has been an even sharper decline in new applications, indicating further declines in the future. It also finds a tendency to use the credits more for sales of goods to other developed areas, rather than to financially troubled Third World countries.

Latest figures from the US Export-Import Bank include loans for more than five years by the five biggest lenders between 1981 to 1985. They show a decline in the amount of exports financed from \$28.1 billion to 6 billion.

The total for France dropped from 9.6 billion in 1981 to 2.1 billion in 1985; for the United States from 9.4 to 4.1; Japan from 4.3 to 1.2; West Germany from 3.5 to 6; and Britain from 1.3 to 7.

### Foreign fund withdrawals could bring recession in US, says Bergsten

WASHINGTON, March 4. (AP): People in other countries have invested \$1.5 trillion in the United States and withdrawals could bring a recession, a former top treasury official says.

C. Fred Bergsten, who now heads the Institute for International Economics, a study group financed largely by the West German Marshall Fund, issued the warning yesterday.

Bergsten said the investment by other countries in the United States is in private hands.

"Some of it's in the form of plant and equipment — that's not going to come out rapidly," he told the House Budget Committee. "But close to a \$1 trillion of it is liquid, and about half of a trillion has come in just the last five years to finance our massive trade deficits."

#### Rate

"On future occasions, if foreigners withdraw money, the effect of interest rates, our economy, the exchange rate, could be much more dramatic."

It has happened before, he said.

"The last time the dollar fell sharply — I happen to remember painfully because I was in the treasury at the time — was in the late 1970s," he added.

He was then assistant secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs. He recalled that the United States had to borrow about twice the amount of its trade deficit because foreigners were withdrawing.

"Under the most optimistic adjustment scenario, if number will rise to \$750 billion before it could possibly level off, and a more likely outcome is much closer to \$1 trillion."

Bergsten said the United States needs to shift its annual international trade balance by about \$200 billion, more than the current deficit, because the additional cost of interest on the foreign debt will be close to \$30 billion by the early 1990s. It would be reasonable to try to reach this target in four or five years, he said.

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### Indian trade fair in Bahrain

AN Indian trade exhibition will be held at the Exhibition Centre in Bahrain from March 26 to April 4. Coinciding with this the NRI Investors Group Bahrain, UAE and Kuwait will organise a joint seminar for the NRIs on March 31. NRI representatives from Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait will take part.

The exhibition will provide business opportunities in various fields such as automotives, including auto parts suitable for foreign-made cars, electronic communication equipment, computer software, household electrical appliances, hardware, sanitary fittings, cotton textiles and noisy items, readymade garments and other made-ups of cotton, polyester, dress materials, processed/canned foods, artificial and silver jewellery, Indian perfumes, handicrafts, carpets etc.

C. Hari Kumar, joint controller of Reserve Bank of India, during his recent visit to the Gulf had pointed out that the inflow of NRI funds from Middle East account for 60 to 70 per cent of the total remittances.

As such it is clear that the NRIs from the Gulf have wholeheartedly contributed their savings in various investments in India.

India has considerably liberalised its policies for investments by NRIs. The seminar will also focus on the investment prospects, opportunities, limitations, policies, procedures, rules, regulations and clarifications on matters pertaining to RBI, FERA and Income-Tax for the NRIs.

Non-Resident Indians in the Middle East who are willing to attend the seminar, for further details, may contact the NRI Investors Group Bahrain, Post Box: 20421, Bahrain (Tel: 532272 - Tlx: 9625 BN); and those from Kuwait should contact anyone of the following of the NRI Investors Forum C/o Indian Embassy, Kuwait, C.S.S. Khanpur Tel: 432324, P.K. Mankad, Tel: 242618, 2426147, K. A. Valsan Tel: 3260466 ext 2368.

### Indonesian trade team for Kuwait

AN Indonesian plywood selling mission will visit Kuwait from March 20 to 22. The mission consists of prominent plywood exporters and headed by Adi Sumarto, director of Center for the Promotion of Industrial Products-National Agency for export development-Ministry of Trade of Indonesia.

The visit is coordinated by the Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

### I have cash and cash is king, says UK publishing tycoon

# Maxwell stalks US acquisitions

the top 10 communications companies in the world.

Maxwell's MCC is primarily a printing concern with annual revenue of nearly \$2 billion. In addition, Maxwell privately holds the Mirror Group newspapers with revenues of \$500 million.

And with a takeover war chest that he said amounts to more than \$1 billion cash, the colourful Czech-born businessman is commanding a lot of attention.

Last month, for example, the stock price of McGraw Hill Inc. shot up amid rumours that Maxwell was stalking the media giant.

The portly self-declared socialist has announced bids for a stable of Australian newspapers, the French financial newspaper Les Echos and is setting up a "European daily" modelled on USA Today.

"I have cash and cash is king," he likes to say, especially since the fall of the stock market last October.

Last year Maxwell Communications Corp., of which he is the majority shareholder, spent \$1 billion making smaller US acquisitions after Maxwell took unsuccessful runs at buying Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Inc., Bell and Howell Co. and the New York Post.

#### Revenue

Maxwell recently told reporters: "Yes, we are prepared to make a hostile acquisition in the US at any minute." His aim, he said, is to make his empire one of

a few major US publishing houses.

He's a tycoon in the most extreme sense of the word," Willis said.

A television commercial for a new authorised biography of Maxwell, a World War II military hero, hailed him as "the man who couldn't say 'No' to a challenge." And it seems almost true.

A controversial, almost larger-than-life character, Maxwell frequently jets off for meetings with world leaders — he is credited with speaking nine languages — and has inspired such nicknames as "the bouncing Czech" and "Capt. Bob."

"He's a tycoon in the most extreme sense of the word," Willis said.

The publication of "Maxwell," the authorised biography,

is set to begin in the autumn.

Productivity Because of the fourth quarter revision, the department said productivity declined 0.2 per cent during last year's final quarter.

The new report is another sign that the October 19 stock market crash had less impact on US business health than many analysts had expected.

#### Slowdown

A marked slowdown in consumer spending was widely predicted following the market collapse, and early indications were that this had begun. But later government reports have painted a healthier picture.

In late February the Commerce Department said the economy grew at a brisk annual rate of 4.5 per cent during the final quarter of 1987, an upward revision from its earlier estimate of 4.2 per cent.

The visit is coordinated by the Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

### US non-farm productivity rises in fourth quarter

WASHINGTON, March 4. (Reuters): US business productivity rose a revised 0.3 per cent during the final three months of 1987, a sign that the economy was in better shape than previously thought, the Labour Department said yesterday.

The department had previously reported that productivity declined 0.2 per cent during last year's final quarter.

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## Inside story of an inhumane siege

By Victoria Brittain

**IN THE** early days of the siege of the Palestinian camp, Bourj al Barajneh, in Beirut last year Dr Pauline Cutting wrote in her diary, "My world has become very small." She had then been out of the hospital building only 3 or 4 times in two months, but her world was to become smaller still over the next months as the siege tightened and the hospital itself crumbled around her as it suffered shelling from the Amal attackers.

Dr Cutting, who was later awarded an OBE for her medical work in Beirut, worked day and night operating on Palestinians wounded by the relentless bombardment of Bourj Al Barajneh, in a cramped, makeshift theatre, without electricity, running water and even food for much of the time.

She tells the story of the extraordinary heroism, especially of the Palestinian doctors and nurses and the women of Bourj al Barajneh, vividly and in a simple diary style. Her own daily battles were against freezing wet feet, exhaustion, lack of privacy, hunger and the terror of losing all her teeth for lack of vitamin C. Her compensations were the deep friendships and generosity of the Palestinian families who took her and the handful of foreign medical workers into their homes.

She even manages to make her book funny and touching with stories of the ingenuity of the other doctors and nurses who could manufacture a treat out of half a candle or a tin of sardines, and entertain each other and the patients with chess marathons, religious dialogues or dreams of future meals or holidays.

Dr Cutting has clearly not meant to write a political book, but her descriptions of the everyday life of "discreetly obscure actors in the Beirut scene speak for themselves."

The darkest side of this book is her description of the agonising six weeks it took for the Syrian Army, already in control of the rest of Beirut, to decide to lift the siege of the starving Palestinians in the camp.

Her own brave initiative to publicise the inhabitants' appalling conditions, using her name and thereby risking an Amal kidnap attempt, had by then brought world-wide condemnation of the siege, though no successful international action—as has been the case in every fresh attempt to destroy the Palestinian people since 1948.

The gruesome sadism of the Amal fighters towards the Palestinian women finally allowed out to buy food (but not medicines or fuel) is one unforgettable part of this book.

"Nabil Berni declared that the siege of Bourj al Barajneh was lifted, but as each day passed we became more bitter as the women allowed out to get food continued to be intimidated, abused, robbed, shot at and killed... in Death Passage."

There is a sharp contrast in her description of the brave Hezbollah attempts to break the siege by running milk powder through the Amal lines.

"The world may choose to forget those people and their plight, but I for one will never forget...," is how Dr Cutting ends her modest book.

## Rediscovering Beatrix Potter

By Stephanie Nettell

**IN 1893** a 27-year-old English spinster wrote a letter to a small boy who was ill in bed. He was one of the children of the young governess who had been her companion at 17, and she often sent them little letters covered in drawings.

"Dear Noel," it began, "I don't know what to write to you, so I shall tell you a story about four little rabbits whose names were Flopsy, Mopsy, Cotton-tail and Peter. They lived with their mother in a sand bank under the root of a big fir tree."

The children cherished their letters, and eight years later, when she asked if she could copy Noel's to make a little book, it came back to her quite safe. Thus "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" was born.

Beatrix Potter's annual sales today are seven million worldwide, but that first Peter Rabbit was rejected by so many publishers that she was forced to draw out her own Post Office savings to have it printed privately. Thrilled with its appearance and relative success—it sold more than 400—she dared send it back to the only publisher that had shown a polite interest, Frederick Warne & Company, which agreed to publish it if she coloured the black and white illustrations. Its print-run of 8000 sold out before publication, and so began one of the longest and closest relationships in the history of publishing.

That was 1902. From then until World War I Beatrix Potter and Warne produced roughly two books a year and when, at the end of the war, the family firm faced bankruptcy—one of the brothers was in prison for forgery on a grand scale—it was to her they turned for a profitable new book.

By the time she died in 1943

the artistry of the early 20th century writer Beatrix Potter, so evocative of English childhood in times past and present, has over the years become a worldwide institution. Her first book, "The Tale of Peter Rabbit", has been reprinted 240 times, and sales of all her titles now total seven million a year in 15 languages. From small beginnings—lack of interest meant she had to pay to have "Peter Rabbit" published privately—has grown a vast merchandising industry. And now there is a new collected edition, complete with original artwork "like wiping off the dust of centuries and finding some bright and sparkling treasure underneath..."

her 23 stories of the Flopsy Bunnies and Squirrel Nutkin, Mrs Tiggy-Winkle the hedgehog and Mr Jeremy Fisher the frog, Tom Kitten and Jemima Puddleduck, the tailoring mice of Gloucester and all the other characters so loved by generations of children, were selling 21000 copies a year.

Potter is now even more popular in the United States than in Britain, and Japan is the biggest of her foreign language markets. Warne published editions in French, Welsh, Spanish and even Latin; worldwide she has been translated into 15 languages, and the latest rights enquiries are from Indonesia and Bulgaria.

### Enormous

There is an enormous merchandising industry, from diaries to cookery, gardening, knitting and music books, toy theatres, China, jigsaws, tea cosies, money boxes—anything on which you could conceivable stick a picture of Peter Rabbit.

This very success caused an insidious deterioration in the reproduction of her artwork. Each book has been republished over 100 times and Peter Rabbit has endured more than 240 reprints. Background scenes faded to vanishing

point, detailed brushwork became blurred, and colours were flat or crudely retinted. So about two years ago Warne tackled the expensive and painstaking task of re-originating the graphics.

It traced Potter's own watercolours and, using the latest in photographic printing techniques and endlessly patient proofing, in 1987 it published the entire set of books. Now Beatrix Potter's artistry can be fully appreciated; it is like wiping off the dust of centuries and finding some bright and sparkling treasure underneath. Today's children are being given a treat their parents and grandparents quite missed out on.

But there was more to Beatrix Potter than just these endearing books. She was born in 1866 in Kensington, London, to a well-to-do barrister and his wife. Both family fortunes had come from the Lancashire cotton trade, in north-west England, a fact later overlooked when Potter wanted to marry her editor, Norman Warne, disapproved of by her parents for being "in trade".

A rather lonely child, often ill and nervously depressed, her main companion was her

brother Bertram, six years younger but sharpening a pleasure in animals and drawing that soon developed into a passionate and scholarly devotion.

### Accurate

At the age of nine an accurate and engaging artist, by her teens she showed outstanding ability ... the irresistible desire to copy any beautiful object which strikes the eye, why cannot one be content to look at it? I cannot rest, I must draw, however poor, her natural history studies imbued not only with affection but also scientific powers of observation. Her museum work, often microscope studies of every kind of flora, fauna, fungi, and fossils, are still breathtaking to this day. She and Bertram always had a menagerie of caged pets—including two rabbits, Benjamin Bunny and Peter Piper—which even went on family holidays to the Lake District of the English northwest where the foundations for her later love were laid.

Her parents were unusually demanding—even for the period—of their unmarried daughter. Their refusal to countenance a public engagement to Norman Warne, though she was 39, turned to tragedy when he died only a few weeks later of pernicious anaemia. Potter had earlier bought a working farm, Hill Top in the Lake District, and it was there she increasingly returned for solace.

By 1909 she had bought a lot more land, including Castle Farm, and became a recognised breeder of Herdwick sheep. When in 1913 she married local solicitor William Heelis she had once again to wear down her parents' stubbornly selfish opposition. Potter was by now 47 but this late happiness warmed and supported her for the last 30 years of her life.



Clockwise: the famous Peter Rabbit letter that started Beatrix Potter on her illustrious career (1893); Beatrix Potter's Humpy Minuscule from 'The Tale of Two Bad Mice,' owned by the National Trust (1904); The interior of Hill Top in the Lake District, where many of the famous Beatrix Potter characters were created; Beatrix Potter at the Hill Top (1905).

## Czechs rehabilitate Kafka

**After years of suppression, the writings of Franz Kafka are gaining official recognition in his native land, Czechoslovakia.**

By Michael Wise

**PRAGUE,** (Reuters): The writings of Franz Kafka are regaining recognition in Czechoslovakia 20 years after being denounced as a spur to the Prague spring.

A collection of the final letters of Kafka, born in 1883, will be published by the Czechoslovak state publishing house Odeon later this year, along with a new edition of his cryptic novel "The Castle".

These were among the many works unpublished in his lifetime and which he requested should be destroyed.

News of the publications followed an article on Kafka in the Czech cultural weekly Tvorba last month urging reappraisal of works of Czech or world literature which "have disappeared beyond the horizon."

Odeon Editor Josef Ceramak, in charge of the Kafka publications, said the country had long taken the wrong approach to one of Prag's most famous sons.

Kafka's writings—often portraying isolated individuals trapped in a senseless world—have been suppressed twice since World War Two in Prague, where he was born in 1883. The Nazis banned his works during the wartime occupation of the city.

Czechoslovakia's communist ideologists poured scorn on him

when they came to power in 1948, branding him a decadent nihilist. He was rehabilitated briefly in the early 1960s, but his work was again suppressed following the Soviet crushing of the 1968 Prague spring reform movement. None of his work is currently in print.

"History is such that mistakes are made," Cermak said in an interview. "We should do away with the legends and try to understand this writer, and we will find that he does concern us as readers and as citizens of this town."

In mid-December a Prague theatre staged a play based on Kafka's anxiety-ridden life. Shortly after the New Year the authorities allowed an Argentine director to begin shooting a film in the Czech capital about the author.

Even more surprisingly, the Czechoslovak Ambassador to West Germany recently paid a visit to a literary research centre preparing an analytical edition of Kafka's collected works, written in German, for the Frankfurt-based publishers S. Fischer.

"They are trying to change the image that for them Kafka was a bogeyman," West German Kafka scholar Juergen Born said. "Things are opening up ... the (envoy) made a point of it."

Kafka's writings were widely published in Czechoslovakia after a 1963 conference in Liblice



Kafka: changing image

activists said it would be erroneous to see Kafka's latest re-emergence as a sign that the new Communist Party chief Milos Jakes planned to ease tight controls on the country's culturalism.

"It was the first moment in the cultural sphere when the official line of the party was criticised from below," said Ivan Klima, author of two plays based on Kafka's life and work.

Since 1968, Orthodox Communists have damned the conference and the cultural thaw that followed as the trigger for moves towards a counter revolution.

"Kafka was too honest. They (the authorities) are afraid of everybody who is a true and honest man," added Klima.

A collection of Kafka's short stories appeared in 1983 on the centenary of his birth, but only after great hesitation did the ministry of culture permit his admirers to organise a small commemorative programme.

"We have not sufficiently used all the opportunities we had with Kafka," editor Cermak said. "The discussion on this topic was not open or extensive enough ... I would say the room for our editorial policy is getting bigger."

Czechoslovak human rights

## Hope for the global population explosion

**GAINING PEOPLE, LOSING GROUND.** By Werner Fornos Science Press, Washington, D.C.

Eighty-seven million people were added to the world's population last year—the largest per annum increase in recorded history and virtually all of it in the poorest countries of the world.

In his timely new book, *Gaining People, Losing Ground*, Werner Fornos, president of The Population Institute, warns that, unless there is a global sense of urgency to substantially reduce human reproduction, the cataclysmic consequences will not be limited to the Third World.

Consider these disastrous effects of rapid population growth:

More than 800 million new jobs must be generated in the next 13 years just to accommodate people already born.

Timberlands equal in size to 40 California's will vanish by the end of the century, much of loss due to the need for fuelwood and grazing land in developing countries.

A total of 21 developing world cities will have 10 million or more people by the year 2000, compared with only three such cities in 1975. There will also be 46 developing world cities with five million or more people by the end of the century, leading to incredible strains on already overburdened schools, hospitals, sewage and water systems, and all public services.

Half of the 15 million infants who die each year in the Third World are offspring of mothers who spaced their pregnancies too closely, or were high pregnancy risks because of their age.

The book is available from

The Population Institute, 110 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C., at \$10.95 (hard cover) and \$4.95 (soft cover).



The faces of Chinese children: China is one of the countries that has dramatically lowered its fertility rates with effective family planning programmes.

As many as one-fourth of the more than 500 million developing world women who die annually from pregnancy and childbirth complications did not want to become pregnant but lacked the knowledge, access or means to obtain a method of family planning.

### Pessimistic

Depressing as these facts may be, *Gaining People, Losing Ground* is far from being a pessimistic tome. Once the reader's mind is unbogged from the nightmarish statistical account of disruption, destruction and devastation caused or exacerbated by rapid population growth, it becomes clear that Fornos is not this season's prophet of gloom and doom.

On the contrary, the author believes the global stork sweepstakes can be reversed.

He is supported in this contention by more than two decades of impressive evidence accumulated from such politically and culturally diverse countries as China, Mexico, Indonesia, Colombia, Thailand, Panama, Singapore, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, Cuba and South Korea, which have lowered their fertility rates dramatically. The common denominator is that each had the full support and cooperation of its national government in developing and carrying out effective family planning programmes.

Indeed, few developing countries still believe that pron-

## RECTAL CANCER, HAEMORRHOIDS HAVE SIMILAR SYMPTOMS

QUESTION: Lately I've discovered blood mixed in with my bowel movements. At first I thought it was just the result of haemorrhoids, but recently I learned of a relative with similar symptoms who is suffering from rectal cancer. How can I determine the cause of my condition?

ANSWER: The symptoms for these two conditions are somewhat similar and can be confused easily. A detailed checkup, involving a digital rectal exam and a proctoscopic examination, can help distinguish simple haemorrhoids from cases of rectal cancer.

Both conditions feature painless bleeding as a part of bowel movements, blood on the surface of passed stools (but not mixed within the stool), a sensation of incompleteness after passing of stools and an increased need to strain in order to pass stools.

If the basic symptoms are accompanied by weight loss, anorexia and a general feeling of ill health, it can indicate a cancer that already has spread beyond the rectum—a rare occurrence, because this condition usually is located early on. (By contrast,

haemorrhoids rarely affect an individual's overall health.) Additional testing, including checking stools for hidden blood and air-contrast colon X-rays to reveal cancer cells, can help to distinguish the two conditions. If necessary, a direct, hands-on examination can help a doctor recognise a cancer by its hard texture on the flexible wall of the bowel.

In your case, I would advise a bit of haste in getting to your physician.

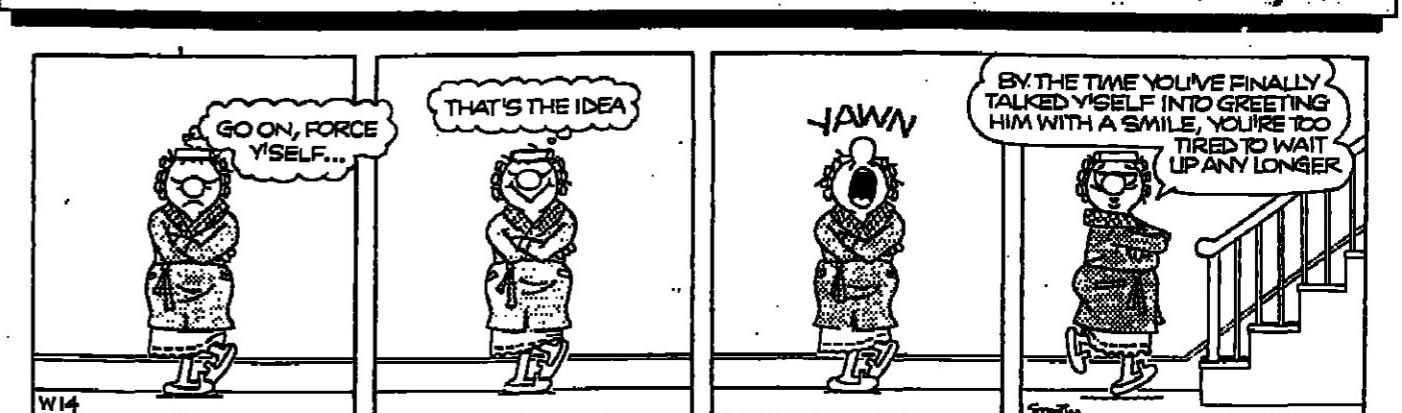
QUESTION: I've heard the expression "no pain, no gain" in regard to exercising (particularly jogging), but where is the gain in exhausting yourself and causing damage to your joints?

ANSWER: You're right — there is no upside to causing yourself injury in order to improve your health. However, your question is based on some common misconceptions regarding exercise.

First of all, throw that "no pain, no gain" concept out the window where it probably will hit one of the masochists who believes in it on the head — a sensation that person will

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## Wales battle Ireland for triple crown honours

DUBLIN, March 4. (Reuter): Wales meet Ireland in the five Nations' Rugby Union Championship tomorrow seeking their first triple crown since 1979. But they face a tough task if Olympic hopeful Brendan Mullin can turn on the pace.

In Milin, who holds the Irish 110-metres hurdles record of 14.41 seconds and has set his sights on qualifying for the Olympic Games in Seoul, and fellow centre Michael Kiernan, the Irish have a pair to challenge in style the sparkling, in-form Welsh backs.

If both sides opt for all-out attack a fascinating battle is in prospect between the Irish pair and the Welsh back line led by fly-half Jonathan Davies, who inspired Wales to wins in their two previous championship matches against Scotland and England.

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Oti's selection became inevitable after the 11-3 defeat by Wales a month ago and Rory Underwood, who has shown only glimpses of his club form at international level, has been switched to the right wing to accommodate him.

### Reinstated

"We have to give the ball to Chris Oti quickly and in space," scrumhalf Nigel Melville, reinstated as England captain, said. "If he is on a one-to-one, with time to work he will score."

Melville's sentiments are admirable but long-suffering English supporters could be forgiven some scepticism.

David Duckham, one of the world's greatest wingers, was shamefully neglected during the late 1960s and early 1970s and Underwood has seldom received the ball with any room to move.

The recall of Rob Andrew at fly-half does not encourage any optimism that England will spin the ball quickly.

## BAYERN CONCEDE TWO LATE GOALS

# Sanchez keeps Real's Cup hopes alive

LONDON, March 4. (Reuter): Real Madrid once again had the extraordinary goalscoring instincts and good fortune of Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez to thank for preserving their European Cup hopes on Wednesday night.

Sanchez, as he had in the second round first leg match at home to holders Porto in Valencia, scored a crucial late goal against Bayern Munich to swing the outstanding quarterfinal tie Real's way.

### Delight

The Spanish champions, desperately seeking a seventh triumph in the premier tournament of European club soccer, finished the match in a dance of delight after a 3-2 defeat which leaves them requiring only a 1-0 win in Madrid to reach the last four.

In the three other Champions' Cup ties, Portugal's Benfica — like Real, trying to revive a golden past — beat Belgian champions Anderlecht 2-0. 1986 winners Steaua Bucharest overcame Glasgow Rangers by the same score and PSV Eindhoven, the Dutch champions, forced a 1-1 draw in France against Borussia.

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**Hanika moves into quarterfinals**

WICHITA, Kansas, March 4. (Reuter): Third-seeded Sylvia Hanika of West Germany advanced yesterday to the quarterfinal round of the \$100,000 Kansas women's tennis tournament with a 7-5, 6-2 win over Catherine Tanvier of France.

Down 2-5 in the opening set, Hanika, ranked No. 19 in the world, stepped up the pressure to pull out the victory. It was also Hanika's fourth triumph over Tanvier in their last five meetings.

"She was nailing everything and hitting everything 200 miles an hour. Then I put more spin on my serve and put more slice. I put a little more pressure on her and eventually I knew she was going to miss," said Hanika.

When Tanvier started missing, she missed nearly everything. Hanika won 11 of the next 13 games.



Wolfgang Rolff (left) grimaces as he tries to put the ball past goalkeeper Zubizarreta of Barcelona. (Reuter wirephoto)



Butragueno (right) tries to stop Bayern captain Klaus Augenthaler (Reuter wirephoto)

by crowd trouble in Spain, appeared to be cruising towards their first leg match.

Hans Pfluegler, Norbert Eder and Roland Wohlfarth each scored during a 10-minute spell either side of the interval as Real's defence hesitated and collapsed.

Bayern, beaten by Portugal's Porto in last year's final after they had eliminated Real Madrid following a stormy semifinal marred

their second priceless away goal.

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### Loan

Everton manager Colin Harvey was another European traveller. He had talks with Barcelona in the hope of preparing a move for Mark Hughes, who is currently on loan to Bayern Munich.

Harvey needs a striker for a renewed challenge to Merseyside rivals Liverpool next season.

Everton face Newcastle at home tomorrow having won their last four League matches without conceding a goal.

Meanwhile it was announced yesterday that policing English and Scottish League soccer last season cost over £3.65 million (£6.4 million) — a rise of 16.6 per cent on the previous year.

English First Division clubs accounted for almost half the money, but Glasgow Celtic topped the individual list.

The growing cost of safety at soccer grounds was shown by figures issued yesterday by the football trust, a body funded by the soccer pools companies. It met £1.28 million (£2.3 million)

of the bill.

Chelsea, Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United and Arsenal each topped £100,000 (£176,000), with Chelsea highest at £114,000 (£200,000).

Second Division Millwall had the highest rate per fan — £368 (£648) for every 1,000 spectators.

Policing costs in Scotland have more than doubled since 1984. Last season they rose to £750,000 (£1.3 million) with Celtic accounting for £225,000 (£400,000)

In another development it was announced that English First Division soccer club Charlton may go back to their old home the Valley, once the League's last pitch.

### Results

Results of British soccer matches played on Wednesday:

English Division Two

Manchester C 2 Hull 0

Scottish Premier Dunfermline 0 Celtic 4

English Division Three

Brighton 2 Port Vale 0

Bristol R 1 Notts County 0

Chester 3 Grimsby Town 0

Northampton 4 Southend 0

Division Four

Exeter 1 Hartlepool 0

Scarborough 1 Torquay 2

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Scottish Division One

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## Getty suffer first defeat

GETTY suffered their first defeat against SFI in the Kuwait Little League over the weekend. Getty lost control of the game in the first innings by scoring runs against SFI's three.

Both the teams managed to keep the scoring low for the rest of the game. In the 2nd inning both teams made one run each and also in the 3rd inning with 3 runs each.

In the 4th inning SFI scored 2 runs and 4 runs in the 5th inning, while Getty made 1 run in the 4th inning and couldn't gain the lead with another inning so the bottom of the 5th inning wasn't completed. Final score SFI 13 and Getty 5.

In the final game of the day, Getty also suffered their first defeat against M&M's. In the 1st & 2nd inning M&M held Getty with no runs while bringing 5 players across home plate. In the 3rd inning Getty finally scored

13 runs and 10 hits.

Tomorrow they are assured a much colder reception at Sheffield Wednesday who are eager

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**SPORTS**

NEW ZEALAND SHUT TOURISTS OUT WITH 451 IN TEST

# Crowe hammers England for 143

WELLINGTON, March 4, (Reuters): New Zealand batted throughout the second day of the third and final Test today reaching 451 for five wickets, virtually shutting England out of the game.

A Martin Crowe century and fine contributions by Ken Rutherford and Mark Greatbatch were the highlights of the first innings that rarely scored faster than two runs an over through the two days.

At the close, Rutherford was on 91 and John Bracewell on 43.

**Resumed**

The crowd was rewarded for its patience by a sparkling unbroken sixth wicket partnership of 115, with 95 runs scored in the last hour when England took its third new ball.

New Zealand had resumed at 192 for three and lost two wickets for 266 in the day.

England took its second wicket just before tea when Crowe was out lbw to England captain and part-time bowler Mike Gatting for 143. It was his ninth Test century.

He put on a record 155 for the fourth wicket with Greatbatch, surpassing by one run the previous New Zealand record against England by John Wright and Jeff Crowe.



Crowe (left) is congratulated by Greatbatch after the former reached his century. (Reuters wirephoto)

Crowe told reporters after his innings he was annoyed to be taken out and had been looking to bat through the day.

"I've been to hell and back with my form," he said.

## Pakistan arrive in Caribbean

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 4, (Reuters): Pakistan's cricketers arrived in the Caribbean on Wednesday minus leg-spinner Abdul Qadir, who is expected to be a key weapon in their three-test series against the West Indies.

Manager Intikhab Alam told reporters that Qadir was suffering from a minor back ailment and had stayed in London for treatment.

"He is coming on Saturday," Intikhab said in brief remarks at the airport, arousing memories of Pakistan's tour of England last year when the spinner's continually promised arrival failed to materialise until just before the second Test.

West Indies captain Viv Richards acknowledged in an interview that Qadir could be a dangerman for his team.

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"He has done lots of things to us in the past but he is only one man," he said.

It will be only the third tour of the Caribbean for Pakistan and their first since 1977. There was also a 19-year gap between the first two visits.

"The team is fit and we expect to give the West Indies a run for their money," said captain Imran Khan, persuaded out of a brief retirement for this series.

The Pakistanis open their tour on Sunday with a four-day match against the President's XI at Kingston's Sabina Park. They are due to have their first net sessions on Thursday.

The touring side will also play two other four-day games and five one-day internationals.

## Zia to open Dubai golf course

PAKISTAN President Zia-ul-Haq, using a golden golf club delivered by a parachutist, will bring Dubai's unique grass championship course officially into play on Tuesday.

When the parachutist drops from a helicopter at the Emirates Golf Club, he will also be carrying a golden tee-peg from which President Zia will hit the shot to open the course in the traditional manner.

At the invitation of Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Dubai and Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE, President Zia has happily agreed to inaugurate the game's first tournament venue in the Gulf.

**Along**

A keen golfer, President Zia will be welcomed at the course by Sheikh Maktoum, along with Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Minister of Finance and Industry, and Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Minister of Defence.

President Zia will then be greeted by the crown princes from the six other emirates. Also in attendance will be members of the board of governors of the Emirates Golf Club, including its chairman, Sheikh Butti bin Maktoum Al Maktoum, and Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, chairman of Emirates, along with other dignitaries.

## England players warned to behave

LONDON, March 4, (Reuters): England's cricketers, at the centre of dissent and indiscretions on tour in recent months, have been warned to behave or face the prospect of being dropped.

The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), who held their traditional pre-season meeting here yesterday, made it clear that anyone who steps out of line in future will be dropped and might never play for England again.

Following unsavoury on-field incidents in Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand during the last three months, the TCCB have acted to safeguard the game's image and reputation.

TCCB chief executive Alan Smith said after the meeting at Lord's: "If you don't behave you

don't play — that's the message the board wants to come out to the players."

**Concerned**

"The English selectors have been directed to take every bit as much notice of behaviour as from this season."

"The board is very concerned about dissent in particular, and discipline in general. It is very important for English cricket at all levels that there should be no introduction of indiscretion."

"If there have been incidents they must not be repeated. The selectors will take responsibility for the conduct of the England team throughout the season."

Smith added: "Counties have their part to play but obviously the England team is the one

which is placed under closest scrutiny. Standards at the top are reflected all the way down to club and school level."

England's tour of Pakistan at the end of last year and their current visit to Australia and New Zealand have been marked by dissent and indiscretion.

Unsaifactory umpiring provoked many of the incidents, in which opener Chris Broad refused to walk when given out at Lahore, and captain Mike Gatting was involved in a public row with umpire Shakoor Rana at Faisalabad.

England's tour management fined Broad for knocking over his stumps after being dismissed in the Bicentennial Test in Sydney, and also fast bowler Gra-

ham Dilley for swearing in the first Test in Christchurch.

The TCCB is clearly concerned that companies who put huge sums of money into the game might take their cash elsewhere if cricket continues to present an image of bad behaviour.

Smith said: "We have been successful with sponsors over the years and I feel sure that one reason for that is the good image the game has."

**Trying**

It was also announced that the board would examine the possibility of trying to stage the next World Cup, in either 1991 or 1992, after losing out to India and Pakistan's joint bid last year.

## Norman takes three-stroke Players' lead

SYDNEY, March 4, (Reuters): A few choice words from caddy Steve Williams spurred Greg Norman into "superdrive" and a three-stroke lead in the second round of the Tournament Players' Championship today.

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